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SHARP AIR CLASHES ALONG THE CHANNEL

NAZIS READY TO MARCH

Although the Germans are believed to have made preparations down to the most minute detail to attack Greece through Bulgaria, observers in Sofia think they may hold their hand for a few days in the hope of news of Italian successes in Albania. THE WEATHER, HOWEVER, IS UNFAVOURABLE FOR A GERMAN MOVE. FREQUENT RAINSTORMS HAVE LEFT ROADS UNSUITABLE FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC. — REUTER.

Italian Losses In Albania

Italian losses in Albania since the outbreak of hostilities total 122,000. An Italian lieutenant-colonel recently captured gave this figure to the newspaper "Hellenikon Mellon," reports the London "Daily Telegraph" special correspondent at Athens. The total was made up, said the colonel, of 27,000 killed, 66,000 wounded and 29,000 missing. — Reuter.

20,000 Prisoners

Italian prisoners in Greek hands total 20,000, including 551 officers, Athens radio announced last night. Only 28 officers and 497 other ranks were sick or wounded when captured and were being cared for in Greek hospitals. — Reuter.

R.A.F. GIVES NO PEACE

Italian camps and motor transport in Albania were heavily bombed by the R.A.F. on Monday, states an announcement from British Headquarters in Greece broadcast over Athens radio last night. Camps along the Tepelini-Valona road were attacked while transport on the road from Kile-soura and troop transports at Dukaj were heavily bombed. The R.A.F. carried out these operations without suffering any losses. — Reuter.

Big Offensive Sweep By R.A.F.

JAPANESE NAVAL MISSION IN GERMANY

A Japanese naval delegation, under Vice-Admiral Nomura, arrived in Berlin yesterday, says the official German news agency. The delegation is to stay several months in Germany. — Reuter.

TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED AND SEVERAL OTHERS DAMAGED DURING AN OFFENSIVE SWEEP OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS.

One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement.

Shipping off the French coast was attacked. While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk, one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmidt 109's and damaged another. They saw a formation of Messerschmidts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked. One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed immediately and a general dog-fight broke out at various heights. — Reuter

MR. CHURCHILL'S REPLY TO "OFFER" OF MEDIATION

MR. R. A. BUTLER, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday to state the precise terms of the Japanese offer of mediation.

CHECK ON "SURPLUS" RATIONS

Britain's Food Controller, Lord Woolton, has come down with a heavy hand on people eating in hotels and restaurants where the food they get is additional to that allowed them under national rationing.

From March, a restaurant meal may only contain one of the following dishes—fish, meat, poultry, game, eggs and cheese. No mixture of poultry and meat or poultry and bacon will be permissible.

The celebrated English "eggs and bacon" may still go together but only one egg per meal will be permitted. Both caterer and customer are

Mr. Butler declared: "In his recent communication to Mr. Eden, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs after referring generally to the European war, observed that Japan was fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions, not only in Greater East Asia but anywhere in the world.

"The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs in subsequent public statements (made, he has said, after consulting Germany) has indicated that his words were not to be regarded as an offer of mediation in the European war.

No Question

"In any case, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the Prime Minister that in a cause of the kind for which we are fighting—a cause in no way concerned with territory, trade or material gains but affecting the whole future of humanity—there can be no question of a compromise or parley." (Cheers). — Reuter.

liable to a fine or imprisonment for breach of the new order. The order may be varied for patients in hospitals and nursing homes. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Japan has submitted a compromise proposal in an attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China, according to well-informed Japanese quarters in Tokyo.

These quarters indicate that the "proposal will be Japan's final offer in the current negotiations." LAND TO BE CEDED TO THAILAND SHOULD, "HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, BELONG TO THAILAND," STATE THE JAPANESE.

Domel, the Japanese official news agency, issues a warning against "interference by third powers who wish to see the Tokyo peace conference end in failure." It adds: "The Japanese Government is keeping a close watch on the situation." — Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW POLICY FOR THAI

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON A NEW POLICY FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THAILAND.

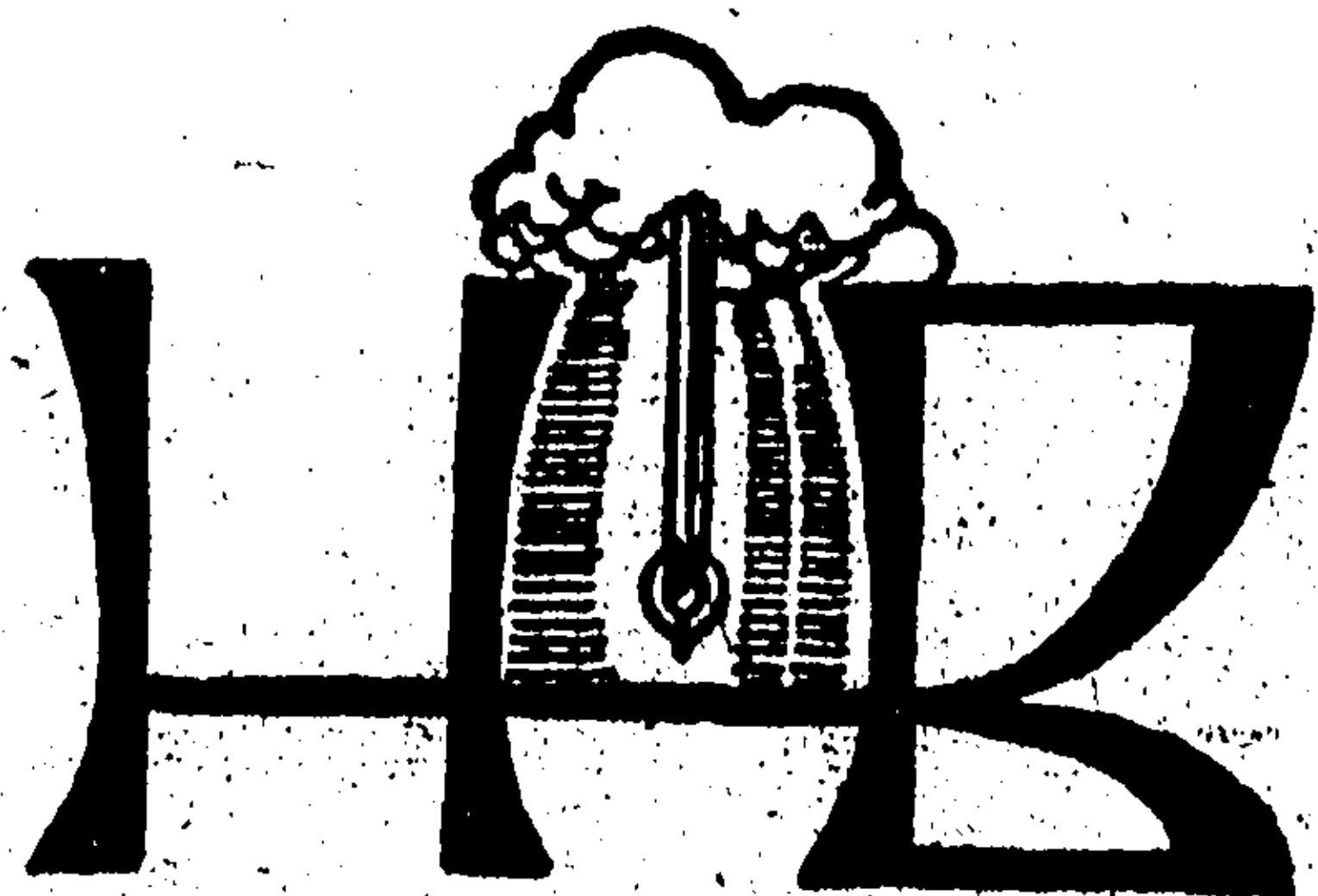
The Overseas Minister, Kiyoshi Skita, announced this yesterday but declined to disclose the nature of the measures envisaged under the new policy. — Reuter.

FOUR ITALIAN PLANES SHOT DOWN

FOUR ITALIAN AIRCRAFT WERE BROUGHT DOWN BY GREEK FIGHTER PLANES AND A.A. GUNS ON MONDAY, SAYS A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST

FROM ATHENS LAST NIGHT. Three other Italian planes were badly hit and it is thought unlikely they regained their bases. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

HIT THE HUN IN GERMANY

Still The Slogan Of Royal Air Force

Carrying The War To Enemy

"HIT THE GERMAN IN GERMANY"—LORD TRENCHARD'S SLOGAN FOR THE R.A.F. IN THE LAST WAR—IS STILL THE R.A.F.'S SLOGAN, SAID SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, THE AIR MINISTER, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"The spirit of the offensive dominates and the raiding and fighting arm are carrying the war across the Channel with offensive sweeps.

"Britain is strongly reinforcing the defences of the trade routes and our attacks on submarine bases and aerodromes, from which four-engined bombers prey on British shipping, are meeting with success."

Emphasising the determination to bomb the Germans in Germany, Sir Archibald said Britain grudged every bomb dropped in France, Belgium, Holland and Norway.

Many wrecks around the enemy's coasts testified to the usefulness of the highly dangerous and skilled work of aerial minelaying.

At the beginning of the Battle of Libya, Britain had the right to feel misgivings.

The Italian air force outnumbered the R.A.F. three or four to one but the R.A.F. was so successful that the Italian air force had never played an effective part.

Vanquished

Sir Archibald also spoke of the effective work in East Africa of South African and Rhodesian squadrons.

Since Italy's entry into the war Malta had been continually attacked from the air but the people's spirit was unshaken and R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm fighters had driven back and vanquished Germans and Italian alike.

In three gruelling days in January, when a mass German attack was launched on Malta, the enemy lost 90 dive-bombers and it was some little time before they returned.

The enemy's morale was visibly affected.

The R.A.F. in Greece, with the Greek air force, had pounded the enemy.

Blows To Come

In the Italian theatre the R.A.F., Royal Australian Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm had done greater damage to German and Italian production than the enemy had done to Britain's war effort.

Sir Archibald promised the heaviest blows yet in the coming months.

"We shall see whether, during the next 12 months, bombs which destroy German factories and communications will not also shatter the faith of the German people in Adolf Hitler," he said.

The Air Ministry was devoting its energies to defeating the night bomber. No immunity from night bombing was possible and as the weather improved the Germans must be expected to resume the attacks on a greater scale than ever.

They would fall again and no risks would be refused by pilots to make the attacks progressively more costly.

"The people of this country," he declared, "will not suffer alone. Our blows will fall faster and harder on the enemy."

Italian Losses

South African and Rhodesian squadrons had destroyed more than 1,000 Italian planes since Italy's entry into the war. This

was in addition to German planes in the same theatre.

Leaving out of account the monthly output, that was half the first-line strength with which the Italian air force entered the war.

Policy regarding Germany was to hit where it was most effective, hence Hamm was bombed 82 times, Hamburg 62, Cologne 55, Mannheim 35 and on 35 occasions the R.A.F. had ridden through winter storms and fogs to Berlin.

The British people were heartened in the blitz by the prodigies of valour and skill of British bombers, which were growing in numbers, range and power.

"DON'T FORGET THAT THEY TRAVEL THREE TIMES AS FAR TO BERLIN AND BACK AS THE GERMANS HAVE TO LONDON," SIR ARCHIBALD CONCLUDED

—REUTER.

TWINS LAND IN NEXT GARDEN

TWINS, AGED EIGHTEEN MONTHS, HAD A REMARKABLE ESCAPE WHEN A BOMB FELL IN A TOWN IN THE HOME COUNTIES AND WRECKED A BUNGALOW IN WHICH THEY WERE SLEEPING.

During a frantic search a child was heard crying in a neighbouring garden. Further search resulted in both children being found lying almost side by side, covered by the roof of the bungalow.

Neither of the twins suffered any serious hurt.

ITALY IMPERILS NAZI CIGARETTE SUPPLIES

One result of Mussolini's great gamble in Greece is that the Germans are likely to go without cigarettes next year.

A British traveller stated on his return to Athens from Salonika that German agents in Salonika are frantic with anxiety about the fate of five million pounds' worth of tobacco stocks which are exposed to the danger of Italian bombing or non-delivery to Germany.

Frenzied efforts to get some of the tobacco out by rail to Bulgaria have so far been unsuccessful.

VULNERABLE HEEL

Ninety-nine per cent. of the accidents on escalators are caused by the small heels of women's shoes making them tumble and fall, an official of L.P.T.B. stated at Westminster County Court.

Damned Unpleasant

The Stockholm newspaper "Handels Tidning" publishes a despatch from its correspondent in Britain saying it seems that Mussolini's speech has not made any deep impression.

The British have not been blown away by the first wind, and they stand steadily on earth.

Mr. Churchill, when he speaks, keeps to what British military power has done. Regarding the future he only holds firmly that England will win and she won't give up till that is done.

Mr. Churchill means just what he says. He does not speak about invasion or no invasion but win he will, and this

is his and the nation's irrevocable decision. They will not be talked round.

It is not to be wondered that both Hitler and Mussolini, when they speak of Mr. Churchill and his people, seem irritated. As an enemy they are damned unpleasant, as impossible to talk round as to frighten.—Reuter.

KNOX DEMANDS DICKERING HALT ON BRITISH AID

COL. FRANK KNOX, Secretary of the Navy, told the United States to forget dollars and cents in considering aid to Great Britain during the present "irreconcilable conflict," a conflict which he said must be fought to a finish and could never end in a negotiated peace.

Continual haggling over the terms of complete aid to the British, he said in an address before the Canadian Society of New York at a banquet at the Hotel Biltmore, might be damaging to the spiritual side of the nation engaged in a war "in which we are vitally concerned."

"At a time when the very fate of our kind of world hangs in the flow of material to Britain," he said, "we cannot afford to stop now and dicker and trade. We must help in material things—but also in spiritual things."

"The magnificent fighting spirit of the British, amazing to her friends and devastating to her adversaries, must be maintained. There must be no thought that while they fight for their lives in a battle so vital to us, we are thinking in terms of dollars and cents."

Secretary Knox said that Britain, in addition to placing "cash on the barrel head" for munitions and supplies already received, had paid to American manufacturers a total of \$550,000,000 in excess of the cost of the new material delivered to her. This money, he explained, was used to pay for land, buildings and equipment in the United States with which to manufacture war materials.

Urges Continuance

When funds for remaining orders now unfilled had been used up, Mr. Knox declared, Britain would be unable to pay for additional supplies.

"We can well afford, indeed, our own self-respect permits no other course, to let the future relations between the United States and Great Britain wait for a time when the war has been won, and the danger of dictatorship of the world has been destroyed," he said.

Secretary Knox referred scornfully to "the timid and thoughtless" who professed to believe that a peace could be negotiated with the Axis powers if England should fall. If the dictators were victorious in Europe and Africa, there would inevitably follow an economic and political infiltration of the sparsely settled nations of South America, which would be incapable of defending themselves, he warned.

Under such conditions, Secretary Knox prophesied that Germany would soon find a base in this hemisphere from which she would operate effectively. "Once that is accomplished," he asserted, "with the European exits to the Atlantic Ocean open, and

no British fleet to control them, the security now provided by the Atlantic would disappear and we would soon have, not what some of the appeasers call a 'foreign war,' but we would have a war on our own territory, with American women and children the victims of night-raiding bombers."

Draws Sombre Picture

Col. Knox said that the most significant phase of preparedness was not how many planes the United States had in hangars, on airfields and aboard carriers. A reasonable number of the present models was all that this country required, he said.

"What we do desperately need with an urgency that cannot be exaggerated," the Secretary declared, "is the capacity to turn out new models, as they are developed, in sufficient numbers to overwhelm any foe we have to meet. Helping Britain to win mastery of the air, in their present fight, helps us to accomplish this very vital thing."

Col. Knox suggested that one of the organisations sponsoring full aid for Britain might adopt the title of "A Committee to Aid Britain to Aid Us to Defend America." No more compelling duty could be placed upon the American people, he said, than the one contained in that phrase.

The 1936 Republican Vice-Presidential nominee described in a sombre and pessimistic fashion what would happen to the United States if the Axis powers conquered the rest of the world. It would mean, he said, that 80 per cent. of the world population would exist under the authoritarian rule and 20 per cent. those peoples occupying North and South America—would still be free.

Not only would the Americas face a four-to-one numerical superiority, he continued, but they would have to engage in an almost hopeless struggle for control of the seas.

Col. Knox defined the war as a conflict over the continuation of a society based upon individual freedom of expression and religion, freedom from fear and freedom "to order our own lives after our own pattern."

"What is now in progress," he

SEPTEMBER WILL BE DECISIVE

September will be the decisive month, said Sir Walter Citrine, British Trade Union leader, broadcasting from London last night.

Sir Walter, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the United States, said that by September British and United States production of aircraft would exceed German production.

The American aircraft industry, he added, is expanding at an incredible rate.

Last July 78,000 men were employed in American aircraft factories and at the present moment 250,000 were employed.

By next June the number would have expanded to 500,000.

No Hesitation

The American people, Sir Walter declared, were deeply impressed with the justice of the British cause.

There was no hesitation or doubt about whether the British were right in resisting Nazi aggression.—Reuter.

said slowly and pointedly, "is an irreconcilable conflict that must be fought to a finish—it cannot end in a negotiated peace. Our world cannot continue to exist with 80 per cent. of the population slaves in a system which makes the state supreme, and 20 per cent. of the population which insists that the rights of the individual are superior to the rights of the state."

"Either a world will emerge in which the state is all in all, to which every individual right is subordinate, or out of this struggle will emerge a world which recognises the individual as supreme and the state a servant of the citizens who compose it."

In another of his sharp thrusts at isolationists, he said that to assume that this nation would be free from the danger of invasion with Britain supreme was to be guilty "of the most colossal and inexcusable deception." He implied that such an invasion would come whenever conquering Germany felt the time was ripe "to garner the loot of the greatest treasure house in the world."

Referring again to the flow of war materials to the British, Col. Knox praised President Roosevelt's suggestion that the dollar sign be eliminated in reference to British aid as one of the most courageous and statesmanlike proposals in American history. He gave full support to the President's suggestion that this nation lend to the British, subject to future adjustment, the vital things needed to successfully continue the war.

Invasion At Dozen Points Like Tentacles Of Octopus

PLAN FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

Every householder in Britain will receive free compensation from Government up to £200 for air raid damage to clothing, furniture and other household goods under a new Government free insurance scheme outlined by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the Commons yesterday.

Up to another £100 free compensation will be paid for a wife and £25 for each child.

In addition to these free grants it is proposed that people should be able to insure at low rates, namely one per cent, up to £2,000, at 1½ per cent from £2,000 to £3,000, and at 2 per cent from £3,000 to £10,000.

Those living in hotels and lodgings will get free compensation up to £50. Details of the scheme will be laid before Parliament, — Reuter.

NO GOODS ALLOWED TO RUMANIA

All outstanding navicerts and export licences for Rumania were revoked when Italy entered the war, declared Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, when questioned in the Commons yesterday.

At this time, he added, Rumania was already passing under German economic control. No goods had, therefore, been allowed to go through the British control to Rumania since last June.

Asked for an assurance that similar treatment would be meted out to other countries likely to be drawn into the German orbit, Mr. Dalton indicated that the Rumanian precedent might usefully be followed. — Reuter.

THIS IS JUST CRACKERS

Johnnie Schofield, musical-comedy, panto and film comedian, is now a voluntary deputy post-warden in London and a very busy man.

For when he isn't being a warden, he runs a newspaper shop, selling papers and cigarettes.

At night he fights bombs. Two nights ago the bombs blasted every pane of glass in his shop window.

Recently, just as he was hammering pieces of cardboard where the windows once were, he received a letter . . . and he is still laughing. It was from a firework company.

It was headed "Indoor Fireworks"—and it offered him "all lines in Joy Bombs, Indoor Fireworks, Fairyland Fruit, etc., until stock is exhausted."

Johnnie gets all the fireworks he wants outside.

British Forces Thrusting Into Heart Of Abyssinia

GENERAL ELECTION IN RUMANIA

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, announced yesterday that a general election will be held in Rumania on March 2, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German news agency. — Reuter.

NERVES NO EXCUSE FOR THEFT

When the solicitor for an attractive young woman accused of shoplifting pleaded that she was in a nervous condition due to having been bombed, Mr. L. R. Dunne, Marlborough-street magistrate, replied:

"If aerial warfare is to be taken as a charter for people to steal from shops, the whole commercial system of London will be disorganised."

He sentenced to one month's imprisonment Virginia-Wilde Lockhart, aged twenty-four, of Hertford Street, W., said to have been educated at a German university and to be living in an expensive flat in Mayfair.

She had to be assisted from the court. Later, notice of appeal was given and she was released on bail.

She was accused of stealing three hats, a jar of face cream and an elephant charm valued at £4. Having pleaded guilty she asked the magistrate to take another offence into consideration of stealing two flapjacks.

It was alleged that after being followed from counter to counter by a store detective she was stopped with the articles in her possession. She said: "There is nothing I can explain away. I have stolen them."

MR. EDEN AND C.I.G.S. IN ANKARA

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, WILL HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. SARAJOGLU, IN ANKARA TODAY, WHILE GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF, WILL SEE MARSHAL CHAKMAK, CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF.

Mr. Eden and General Dill arrived by air at Adana yesterday and left almost immediately by special train for the Turkish capital, where they are due to-day. — Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Khartoum)

WITH THE TENTACLES OF THE BRITISH FORCES THRUSTING LIKE AN OCTOPUS EVER DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF ABYSSINIA, IT APPEARS THAT THE TEMPO OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS LIKELY TO INCREASE AS THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S FORCES FIND THEMSELVES IMPERILLED AT ONE POINT AFTER ANOTHER.

Thrusts into Abyssinia are now being made at more than 12 different points simultaneously, from north, south and west, while growing numbers of Abyssinians, hearing news of the Emperor's installation in his own territory, are rallying to the patriot forces.

In addition, Italian regulars are themselves increasingly deserting as a result of the intensive British attacks coupled with appeals made by means of pamphlets, loudspeakers etc.

The intensity of our effective pamphlet campaign can be judged by the fact that in a recent period of four weeks, 750,000 have been distributed in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

The Italians have abandoned the threat to shoot men found carrying British pamphlets as impracticable and have instituted periodical "search parades."

Prisoners Taken

A whole battalion was lined up and searched for pamphlets but many prisoners we have taken we found still carrying our pamphlets in their pockets.

The force of the British thrust has been materially strengthened in recent days by the provision of well-organised supply lines, bringing through mountainous country such necessities as ammunition, medical supplies and food.

There is also the growing strength of our Air Force.

The technique of surrounding and cutting off Italian forces, already so successful in Libya, is being applied at a number of points besides Keren, although the difficult nature of the country hampers the swift employment of mechanised forces at several points.

Attacking In Rear

In many cases enveloping movements are being carried out by infantry clambering through rugged mountains and destroying roads and bridges and attacking the Italians from the rear.

Apart from retreating outposts, the main body of the Italians, so far as any line can be said to exist, appears to run approximately from Keren, where the cream of the white forces is being employed in an attempt to hold that town at all costs, southwards to Lake Tana and then to Debra, Marcos and Addis Ababa. — Reuter.

IN UNEQUIVOCAL NEGATIVE

ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY TO ACCORD A SECRET DEBATE ON THE BASES LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES, THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, GAVE AN UNEQUIVOCAL "NO" AND ADDED THAT MR. CHURCHILL HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEDING TO SUCH A REQUEST. A STATEMENT WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH CHEERS. — REUTER.

BANDIT COUP IN PARIS

FIRING IN ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE CROWDED HEART OF PARIS, BANDITS ESCAPED YESTERDAY WITH 3,700,000 FRANCS AFTER HOLDING UP THREE BANK MESSENGERS WHO WERE TAKING A HAND CART CONTAINING THE MONEY TO THE BANQUE DE FRANCE.

Suddenly attacked by the armed bandits one messenger was shot dead and another wounded.

Failing to open the hand cart the bandits hitched it to the rear of their car and, towing the hand cart with its contents, made a clean getaway. — Reuter.

U.S. BASES APPROVED

The U.S. Senate Naval Affairs Commission has approved the authorisation of a credit amounting to \$242,373,500 for improvements on the islands of Guam and Samoa.

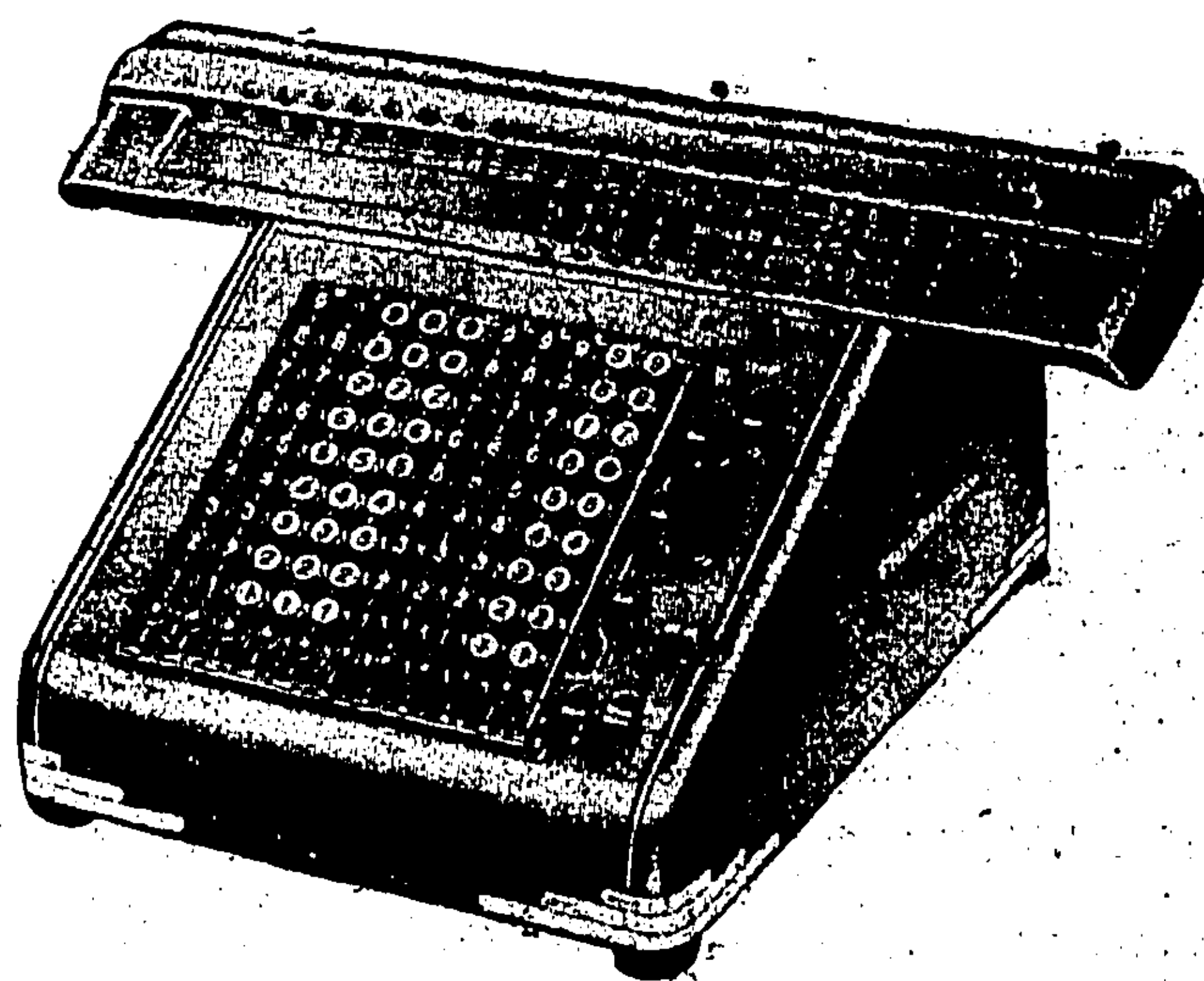
The naval spokesman, Admiral Morrell, declared in Washington yesterday that these and improvements to a number of the bases leased from Britain, were "absolutely vital to the defence of the United States." — Reuter.

INDIAN WAR SUPPLY ORDERS

Orders valued at approximately £61,000,000 were placed by the Government of India Supply Department between Sept. 1, 1939 and January 15, 1941. It was announced in the Council of State yesterday. — Reuter.

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CLAIMS OF GERMAN HIGH COMMAND DISPOSED OF

THE CLAIM OF THE German High Com-
mand that a German raider has sunk 14 ships
totalling about 82,000 tons in convoy, is dis-
posed of by the Admiralty announcement
that merchant shipping losses for the week
ended Feb. 16 were 12 ships in all, represent-
ing a gross tonnage of 37,636 tons.

Eleven were British, of 32,464 tons, and
one Allied, of 5,172 tons.

These losses include five vessels
—four British and one Allied—tot-
talling 23,986 tons, known to have
been sunk by a raider which at-
tacked a convoy off the Azores on
Feb. 12.

The German claim for this
week totalled 185,000 tons of
merchant shipping sunk.
It is stated there was nothing
resembling the truth in Hitler's
claim to have sunk 215,000 tons
of shipping in the last few days.

Usual Practice

Details of the Admiralty com-
munique show that 10 of 19 ships
in convoy attacked by a Nazi sur-
face raider off the Azores on Feb.
12 are known to be safe. Four
others are not yet overdue.

"Following its usual practice of
making announcements and claims
before there has been an oppor-
tunity to check the facts," states
the Admiralty communique, "the
German High Command announce-
d that in this attack the raider
had sunk 14 ships totalling about
82,000 tons."

The four ships—three British
and one Allied—not yet overdue
total 19,698 tons.—Reuter.

BLIND, CAN'T GET SHELTER

Ex-serviceman J. E.
Baldwin fought for his
country all through the
last war. To-day he is a
permanent invalid, blind,
suffering from diabetes
and rheumatoid arthritis.

You would think that officialdom
would be willing to stretch, or
even break, a piece of red tape to
ease the lot of such a man.

But rules are strong.
With his wife Mr. Baldwin lives
in Sunningdale Avenue, Middlesex.
She spends her life serving this
ex-soldier, and her greatest desire
is to give him some measure of
safety when the bombs fall.

She knows well how much greater
is the danger to a blind and
crippled man than to most of us.
Since the first days of the war
Mrs. Baldwin has fought to obtain
an Anderson shelter for the little
garden.

Every effort has failed because
the official view is that this blind
and crippled invalid should be
taken to a communal shelter.

"It would kill a man in his con-
dition to sleep with forty-eight
other people. For sixteen years he
has never been out of a doctor's
care" is Mrs. Baldwin's answer.
She will not risk it.

She has appealed to the local
authorities. She has written to
the Minister of Home Security, but
all to no purpose. Regulations say
that no Anderson shelters can be
provided where other accommo-
dation is available—and regula-
tions must be obeyed.

Now Mrs. Baldwin has written
to the Queen. It is her last hope.

SOVIET DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

A heavy increase in defence ex-
penditure was announced by the
Finance Commissar, M. Overev,
to the Supreme Council of the
U.S.S.R. Parliament last night.

The estimates amount to 70,-
900,000,000 compared with 57,-
000,000,000 last year and just un-
der 41,000,000,000 in 1939.—Reu-
ter.

BRITISH EXPORTS TO JAPAN

Lord Lyttleton, Pre-
sident of the Board of
Trade, was questioned
in Parliament yester-
day on British exports
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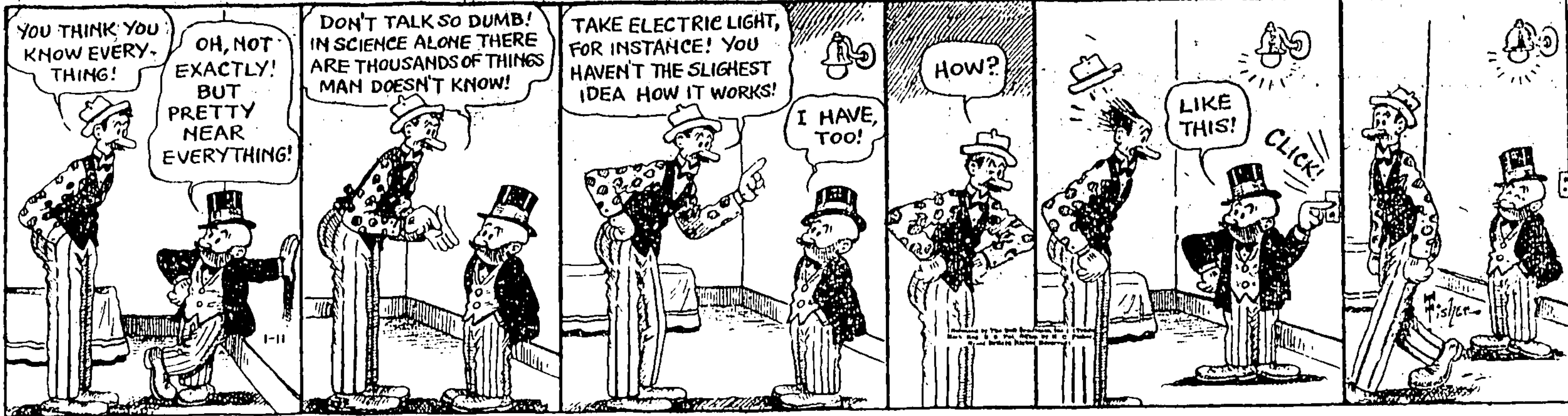
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IN LOVE, SO HE FORGED LETTER

BECAUSE HE WANTED his adopted daughter to return, a man sent a forged memorandum ordering evacuated children in Suffolk to go back to London.

This was alleged when George Feazey, railway clerk and L.C.C. shorthand teacher, of Horace Road, Barkingside, Ilford, was sentenced to three months' hard labour when he appeared on remand at the Marylebone Police Court.

There were two charges.

The first accused him of breaking the defence regulations by publishing a memorandum communicating to Mrs. Louisa Mary Owers, a teacher in charge of evacuated schoolchildren in Suffolk, directions which falsely purported to have been issued by the L.C.C. Education Department, that she should at once communicate with the parents of the children and require them to take immediate steps for the return of the children to London.

Not Exactly In Love

The second accused him of publishing the memorandum having reasonable cause to believe that it was likely to mislead Mrs. Owers in the discharge of her functions in connection with the securing of public safety.

On September 1, 1939, said Mr. H. A. K. Morgan (the Director of Public Prosecutions), the infants' department of a Bethnal Green school was evacuated to Suffolk, under the care of Mrs. Owers and Miss Hulda E. Heard.

Counsel added that Miss Heard, who read the memorandum and forwarded it to Mrs. Owers, was the adopted daughter of Feazey, who had a sick wife.

The accused, giving evidence, denied that he had typed the memorandum.

Mr. Morgan, cross-examining: You are in love with Miss Heard? — Feazey: Not exactly. Is she in love with you? — I think so, sir.

Notice of appeal was given.

LIT PAPER DURING ALERT

George Demetrius Katinakis, retired, of Southwold, Suffolk, was fined £8 9s. at Southwold for striking matches and lighting a newspaper on a highway during an Alert.

THIS STRANGE WORLD

There are 2,976 languages spoken throughout the world. This is seen as one of the major obstacles in the way of creating real brotherhood between the nations.

Both in Britain and the United States of America a movement has started for bringing about the political union of the English-speaking peoples. One name suggested for the proposed super-state is United States of Brit-America.

The sun gives 400,000 times as much light as the moon.

The world's first mechanical dog, Sparko, was holding up the crowds at the New York World's Fair recently. He wagged his tail, trotted backwards and forwards, sat down, sat up, begged, growled, barked, but never ate or drank a thing. Sparko is aluminium coated, has a tinsel of electric wires for a brain, and more than half a mile in his nervous system.

Large Chinese moths have a wingspan of nine inches.

A flash of lightning may be as brief as one ten-millionth of a second.

Pilots of bombing planes who have to bale out at altitudes of thirty-five thousand feet can be saved from dying of lack of oxygen on the way down to the ground by a new American device. The apparatus is a pocket-sized tube containing just enough oxygen to keep pilot alive until he reaches an altitude low enough to breathe in.

World's Largest Bell

Bell-bottom trousers are worn by sailors because they can easily be rolled up when the seaman wades in water or scrubs the decks.

The world's largest bell is the 198-ton Great Bell in Moscow's Kremlin. Although it was manufactured for the belfry in Ivan the Great Cathedral it has never been raised from the ground outside the cathedral.

When you see a film villain hurled through a window, do not fear that he may have injured himself from jagged glass; the property man prepared the glass-like pane from sugar.

You are insulting a person in a manner neither you nor he realise when you call him a card. The word is a shortening of the word "cadaver," meaning a dead body.

"Daisy" is a corruption of the words "day's eye" a name given to the flower because it partially closes at night.

Apart from general physical fitness, the eye sight of air force pilots must be first class with correct colour vision and muscle balance. Identification of signals depends on colour vision, while ocular balance is vital to safe landings.

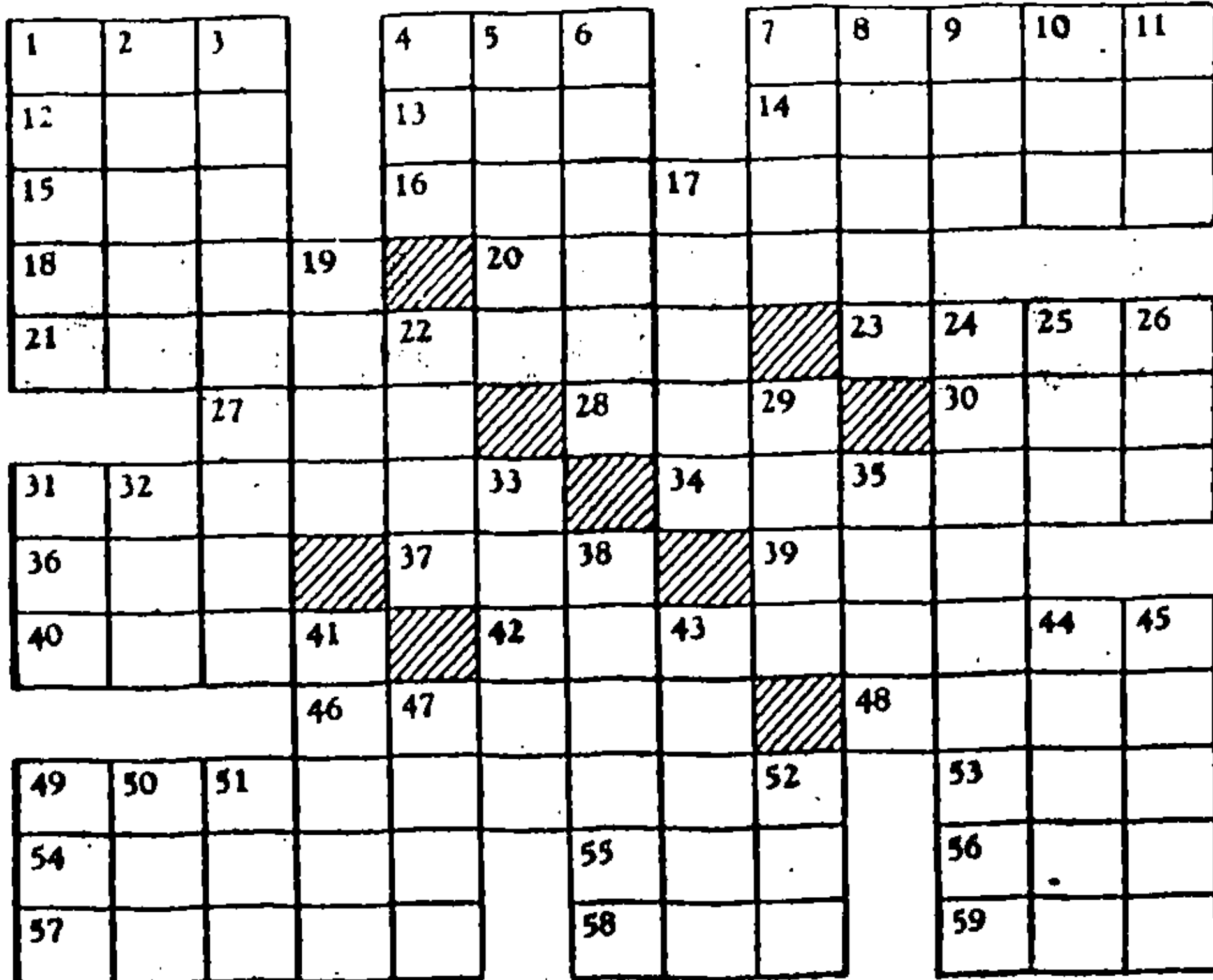
In a Midland city a new system of black-out traffic control has been introduced. Officers with the illuminated word "Police" plainly visible on their helmets, control the busiest crossings of the city. Current for illuminating the helmet sign is supplied by a small dry battery that is compactly carried in the officers' pockets.

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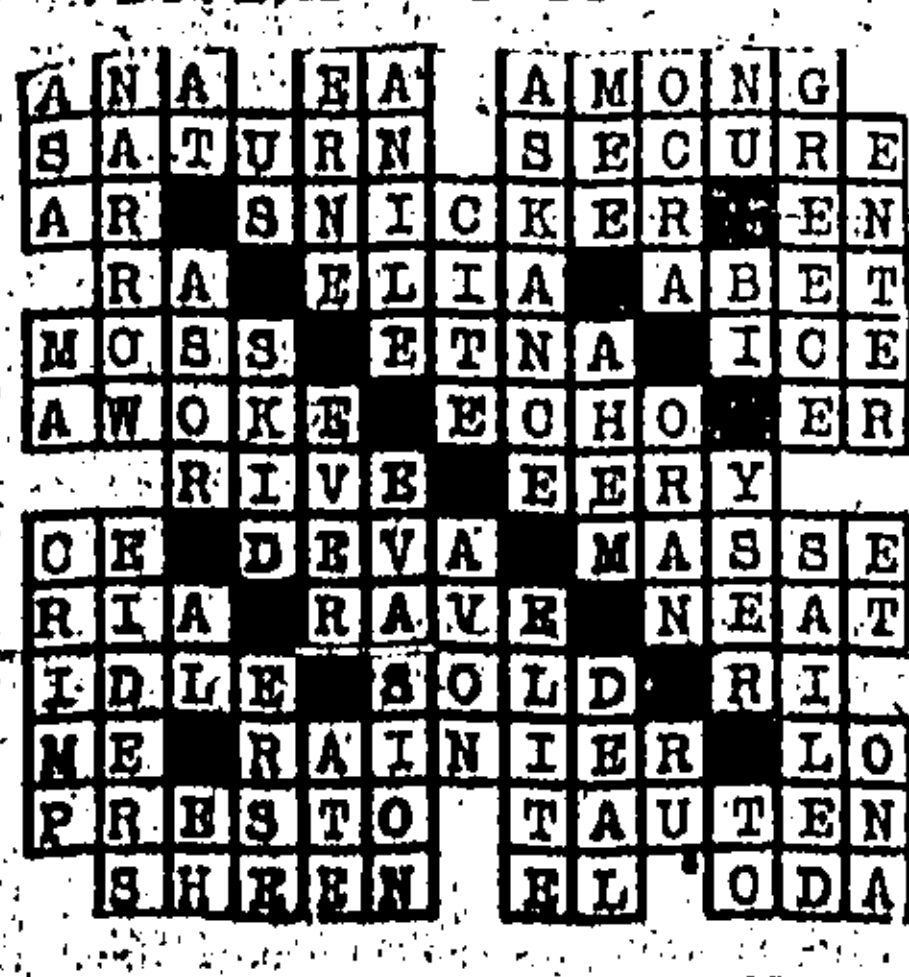
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- 1 Likely
- 4 Poisonous snake
- 7 Workers' union
- 12 To be mistaken
- 13 Pronoun
- 14 Region in French Congo
- 15 Tibetan gazelle
- 16 Clown
- 18 Length measure
- 20 French soldier
- 21 Silent
- 23 Imitation
- 30 Argument
- 27 Constellation
- 28 Lamprey
- 31 Head of a convent
- 34 To disprove
- 36 Split pulse
- 37 Greek letter
- 38 Forth
- 40 War god
- 42 Consecrated
- 46 Harbours
- 48 To venture
- 49 Government in S. E. Russia
- 53 Mountain pass

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- 1 Norse god
- 2 Prostrate
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- 5 Outline
- 6 Fibula
- 7 Son of Adam

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- 9 Greek letter
- 10 High priest
- 11 The American blind
- 17 Measure of capacity
- 19 To employ
- 22 Instance
- 24 Genus of shelled arthropods
- 25 Warm
- 26 To be obliged to
- 29 Son of Jacob
- 31 Girl's name
- 32 To prohibit
- 33 Utterly
- 35 To discover
- 38 Triumphant song
- 41 Gay frolic
- 43 Japanese seaport
- 44 To eat away
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GERMANS' 4-1 SUPERIORITY IN THE AIR

IN THE SECOND battle of Britain, now not many weeks ahead, air power is confidently expected to be the deciding factor. In an important recent interview, Gen. George C. Marshall gave his opinion that Britain would win through. Simultaneously, however, War Department authorities volunteered figures on British and German air power, crediting Germany with 36,000 planes strength, which seemed flatly to contradict the chief of staff.

The explanation of this curious episode is very simple. Although accurate in themselves, the War Department's air power figures misrepresented the situation, largely by the omission of several vital factors.

The question of the actual size of the German air force is sharply disputed between the American and British authorities. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, who is probably the most optimistic of the high British air officers, maintains that Adolf Hitler flung every usable plane against the British last September. If Dowding is even partly correct, the size of the German force has been grossly exaggerated.

American authorities, however, dispute Dowding's contention. It is positively known that four months after the fall of Oslo the Germans had managed to complete enormous military works in Norway. On such a time schedule, they should have been ready in France by the date of the terrible September attacks on London. Yet American experts believe that they failed to prepare sufficient air fields or bring up enough supplies to permit the kind of all-out onslaught Dowding thinks took place.

United States Take Gloomy Side

Because of the even greater uncertainty of other kinds of computation, the American military intelligence has preferred to base its estimates of the German force on past German production performance and such current information on production as can be scratched up. While the British think that 2,500 planes a month is the outside German output, 3,500 planes monthly is the total accepted here. Using this total, and frankly trying to err on the side of gloom, our military intelligence has reached the conclusion that Germany now has a fighting organization of 18,000 planes, with an equivalent number in reserve. The figure of 36,000 was obtained by adding the reserves to the first line planes, but reserves, broadly speaking, are a sign of military health rather than strength. The size of the fighting organization is what counts in combat. In any case, in view of the consistent accuracy of the military intelligence, its figures deserve general acceptance until proved wrong.

So much for the first false impression. The second, and more serious, was created by the guess that the German British strength ratio is four to one. In a question of relative strengths, it is necessary to decide first what sort of strength is being discussed. And this, unfortunately, was not done.

Advantages Of Germany

The layman might suppose, when the War Department says Germany's striking strength is four times Britain's, that Britain has an air force only a quarter the size of Germany's. Actually, however, numerical strength was not what the War Department authorities were talking about. They achieved their strength ratio by estimating the numbers of British and German bombing planes and then correcting the straight statistical evidence by allowing for such factors as distances from bases to targets and target dispersal.

The German bases along the Channel are near Britain's industrial centres, while German centres are far from British air fields. Britain's industry is heavily concentrated and Germany's widely dispersed. Thus the distance and

accessibility factors are tremendously advantageous to Germany. Last summer certain of the experts actually held that this advantage alone was sufficient to multiply German striking strength by three.

While there experts are now thought to have gone too far, two points must be remembered if the four-to-one ratio is to be understood. First, it applies only to striking strength. Britain's defensive strength in pursuit planes is still far greater than her strength in bombers, while Germany has favoured bombers above pursuits. Germany may be able to hit Britain four times as hard as Britain can hit Germany, but that by no means insures German success against the British defence. And second, last summer the ratio of striking strength was even worse than it is now. A good many authorities guessed it as high as nine to one. Yet Britain got through September, battered but still in the ring.

Possible Conclusions

Summing up the air situation is difficult, since expert testimony conflicts at almost every point. Yet it may be very roughly summed up as follows:

The British believe they are much stronger in relation to the Germans than they were when they repelled the September attack. Most American experts admit they are at least somewhat stronger. Thus they should logically be virtually certain to repel the new attack this summer. They are not, however. The Germans, by building additional bases, have prepared to put more of their total strength in the air at once. They probably have improved weapons, such as the new pursuit ship mentioned by the War Department.

Various signs, such as the huge Axis purchases of mercury, essential in making chlorine, suggest they are preparing to use gas. In short, there are too many uncertainties about detail to permit certainty about the outcome.

On the other hand, although the uncertainties sound cruelly ominous as listed, there is no reason to despair. Probably the wisest approach is that of an extremely able officer, who remarked recently: "The betting's about even on the fight that's coming, but because of past performance I'd like to lay my money on the British."

TWO & A HALF HOUR AIRCRAFT STRIKE

TRADE UNION MEMBERS AT SHORT BROTHERS' SEAPLANE WORKS. AT ROCHESTER, STRUCK WORK FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS TILL NOTICES OF NEW SHIFTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN DOWN.

Later representatives of the union and the management went into conference.

The men complain that the management broke the terms of their agreement with the unions by posting the notices before coming to agreements with the unions on the matter.

REFUGE AS VICE PERIL

"The communal air-raid shelter is becoming an appalling danger to the morals of young people in south-east London," said Mr. John Watson, chairman of Southwark Juvenile Court.

"A report from the probation officer of this court shows a state of affairs absolutely appalling," he went on.

"Week after week we get cases of young girls who disappear from home and go into air raid shelters to spend the night. We are convinced that there is a great need for increased supervision in the shelters."

Before the court was a sixteen-year-old girl said to be in need of care and protection.

A woman police officer saw the girl in Hyde Park with a woman known as an undesirable character and a soldier since charged with being an absentee.

The girl had been missing from home twenty-three days. Asked what she was doing and where she had been sleeping she replied:

"I have left my job and have been sleeping in air raid shelters with this soldier."

"She has been previously reported missing and in view of the company she was keeping I consider her in need of care and protection," added the woman officer.

The girl was remanded for a week for a medical report.

APPEAL FOR GREEK WAR VICTIMS

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to transmit the enclosed copies of telegrams exchanged on the subject of opening a fund for the relief of distress in Greece.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has kindly consented to open an account for this purpose and all contributions will be acknowledged in the local press.

His Excellency feels that there is no need to stress the debt of gratitude which the world owes to the Greek nation for the part which it has played in helping to turn the tide of war against the aggressor nations.

C. B. BURGESS,
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From Field Marshal Lord Milne, Mansion House, London: Following recent Empire broadcast appeal for funds to relieve the acute distress among families in Greece arising from the war I have been especially asked by the Lord Mayor of London and Council of Greek Relief Fund to approach Your Excellency as to the possibility of opening a fund in the territory under your administration in conjunction with the Lord Mayor's Fund for receipt of donations for the above purpose and in fulfilment of the British Prime Minister's promise to render every assistance possible to our gallant and loyal Greek ally. Would Your Excellency approve and consent to arrange this? Anglo-Hellenic Committee under Chairmanship of British Minister in Athens appointed to administer funds in Greece.

From Acting Governor, Hong Kong:—Your telegram 149 I fully approve and will make necessary local arrangements forthwith.

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WHEN HITLER THREATENS

Inside Germany or outside, no one in the world expects truth from Adolf Hitler. For eight years he has wielded absolute power over a people whose voice is submerged, as it was on Monday at the Beer Cellar by the mechanical clamour of the Party clique. In all that time there is not a single precedent to prove that he will either keep a promise or fulfill a threat. If there is any guarantee in his record, in fact, it is that the one thing he will not do is the thing he says he will do. For eight years he has been the sole and uncontradicted spokesman for Germany — and to-day the word of Germany is worthless.

Thus when Hitler proclaims in a loud voice, it is as if he had not spoken. When he warns that "every ship that comes within range of our torpedoes will be torpedoed," his warning will have no influence on the decisions the American Congress is now debating. There is nothing new or startling in this threat: the danger that American ships would be sunk if used either to deliver war materials or to convoy shipments to Britain was present in the American mind long before the discussion of the lend-lease bill. Hitler completely misunderstands British psychology if he imagines that this kind of talk will frighten us.

Nobody expects consistency from Hitler. Otherwise even the selected lot of cheer-leaders in the Beer Cellar might wonder as they clapped wildly at the announcement that with the Spring Herr Hitler's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of shove. Though they may wonder why he trusts to providence and not to his own right arm. It is interesting too that he admitted it would be a trial of strength. As far as they have known until now, the Germans were fighting the obsolete democratic system, rotten to the core. He can blame no one but himself if his warnings have as little meaning as his assurances.

In trying to compare the present situation with that in September, 1939, one is struck by three large and obvious facts, no one of which has produced the consequences which might have been expected. The overthrow of a government with a huge and apparently unshakable majority in the House of Commons and the instalment as Prime Minister of a private member who was the leader of no party and had scarcely even a firm group behind him, instead of producing violent conflicts and convulsions, has led to universal satisfaction and national unity. A year of almost unbroken reverses, including one disaster which the world in general considered absolutely fatal to our cause, instead of discouraging Great Britain, has left the nation more confident and full of fight than ever. And, so far as I can judge, the increased sufferings of the population under the brutalities of "totalitarian war," so far from engendering any faltering of resolve or any wild excesses of passion, has merely left our town populations, as the Prime Minister puts it, "grim and gay."

As for the change in the government, from the time when Mr. Churchill became leader of the nation he has shown new qualities of greatness which he had perhaps had no opportunity of showing before. He is far more than a great fighter; and the country irrespective of party feels it. England delights in his dogged courage and feels his frank good fellowship; it enjoys his majestic oratory, and is proud of his magnanimity. He is just the man to win again for England the testimonial which Napoleon gave her, "the most consistent, the most implacable and the most generous of my enemies."

As for the war itself, the effect of the Petain collapse everywhere but in England was catastrophic. The only anti-German army in Europe had surrendered. The land of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity had abandoned its principles and adopted fascism. There was no opposition to Hitler left, either material or intellectual. For England to continue fighting seemed mere folly, and criminal folly at that. Of course Europe as a whole thinks in terms of land armies and has never understood sea power. "The English Channel an obstacle?" said an intelligent Swiss observer: "Twenty miles of water not half the length of the Lake of Geneva; a motor boat can cross it in half an hour." It is important for us to realise this condition of opinion in Europe. To win again any sort of confidence in our power to conquer, or even to resist Hitler, we had to start absolutely from zero.

Meantime on us ourselves the effect of these events had been quite different. No doubt the shock was terrific, the immediate dan-

ger serious, our relations with our one great ally shattered. Yet we ourselves had never been conscious of defeat. No doubt we had made a muddle in Norway, and the destruction of our allies had compelled us to retreat in Flanders, but we had always held our own in the actual fighting. Our

By
Gilbert Murray

armies returned from Dunkirk with the conviction that, man for man, they "were better than Jerry." The rescue of those 350,000 men seemed to Europe admission of defeat, a defeat which was just saved from being absolutely fatal; but our people felt it as a victory. The daring of the multitudes of small boats manned by civilian volunteers roused the enthusiasm of the average man more than many a purely military victory. No doubt, he felt, we had had shocking misfortunes, but still we had never been beaten. Moreover we still held the sea, more strongly than at the opening of the war. We had to make sure that the French Fleet was not going to be handed over to the enemy; a painful business, in which the unreasonableness was certainly not on our side; but when once that was over, we could breathe again.

There remained the threats of invasion. The ordinary uneducated Englishman knew of these threats and discounted them. They had been defeated before. Besides, while the enemy hesitated, we made our preparations stronger than ever and were not really afraid of invasion.

What we did fear was the German Air Force. Originally perhaps three times as numerous as ours, it was now increased by the whole Italian force and by many machines from France. The odds against us were terrific. Worse still, by his possession of the Channel port, the enemy had only twenty miles to fly to attack Dover, and only 120 to bomb London, while we had to fly some 200 to reach Cologne and another 300 before we could attack Berlin. And here the miracle happened. The amazing superiority of our own Air Force is a thing which no layman can understand; but which seems certainly to lie in the men as much as the machines. There are troubles still before us, but the Blitzkrieg of mass daylight attacks which were meant to annihilate our Air Force and clear the way for successful invasion ended in disastrous failure.

It does not follow that our confidence is justified. Many painful surprises may be in store for us, but the confidence exists; and meantime, in place of the great ally we have lost, the greatest power in the world is moving to

closer and closer cooperation with us both in material help and in political sympathy. The Canadian-American Alliance, the Anglo-American naval bases, the fifty destroyers and the host of volunteers, represent a diplomatic gain which more than outweighs the almost unrelieved ill-success of our diplomacy in Europe.

Meantime the new Axis Pact has done much to clarify the meaning of the whole conflict. A predatory bargain between three lawless aggressors to conquer three continents and divide the spoil inevitably makes the rest of the world their enemy. Not because we are Capitalists, or Conservatives, or Democrats, or Socialists or Liberal Idealists or even Christians; not because of any particular creed or prejudice or "ideology," but simply because we are human beings. We do not want to be conquered, robbed of our possessions, privileges, liberties, of all that we value most among the slow achievements of civilisation. Besides, the present aggressors have not merely shown the ordinary and inevitable vices of aggressive powers. They have made a religion of their aggressiveness. They have ransacked history for crimes and inhumanities which they can quote as precedents. They have developed to its logical extreme the theory of totalitarian war. Conquest is the supreme purpose. War the supreme method.

It seems to me little better than triviality to say that we are fighting for any of the conflicting isms or for "New Order" or an Economic Revolution or the like. We shall have no doubt to create a New Order, but we did not go to war for any such purpose. We went to war to save ourselves and the rest of the civilised world from the triumph of organised crime, and we are fighting now for everything that man holds sacred.

But can we in any case save it? "One more war in the west," said a recent Prime Minister, "and the civilisation of ages will fall with as great a crash as that of Rome." Is that proving true? Or, as another Prime Minister is said to have commented, do we find that "it could stand one or two, anyhow"? Let us try to face this problem coldly. The loss of life, as far as numbers go, is easily repaired. Within quite a few years after the last war, which was followed by a still more destructive pestilence, the population of the world was higher than in 1914. In quality the case is not so plain: to some extent war picks out in each country the brave and the strong. This war is picking out the most civilised races.

The economic and financial losses will be gigantic but, again, can be easily repaired. A war after all can only destroy the harvest of one year. Flocks and herds replenish themselves. As for capital goods, the manufacturing pow-

er of the world has long been greater than it can use; if we could imagine it used according to some reasonably public-spirited plan, without nationalistic maladjustments, it could in very few years make the wealth of the human race far greater than it has ever been. Nevertheless, the period of disorder and impoverishment which is sure to intervene will bring great dangers. It may lead to ruinous revolutions. It may, even without that, produce an equally deadly result, the destruction of the cultured Middle Class, on whom so much of the moral and intellectual guidance of a nation depends. It is the ruin of that class in Germany which made the brutalities of the Nazis possible.

Again, the prospect of economic recovery depends absolutely on the wisdom of economic policy in nations which have not been remarkable for it of late, especially Great Britain, the Dominions, and the United States. Every economist knows that, to avoid ruin, they must learn both to plan and to cooperate, with some degree of unselfish public spirit. The war will drive the lesson home, but may at the same time exasperate passions which will paralyse all reason. The Economic Committee of the League of Nations is, I believe, studying the problem of planning on a world scale in the interest of the whole. That is the only true way, if we have the wisdom to follow it.

Of the moral salvage it is difficult to speak, partly because of the diametrically opposite views so publicly and confidently expressed by writers of different schools. Most thoughtful people regard war as, in itself, a monstrous crime, and as leading to all sorts of moral disorder. Yet the average man in his romantic moods speaks of it as a school of heroism, of brotherhood, of self-sacrifice for an ideal. Similarly the one set of critics emphasise the miseries caused by war; the other points out the high spirits of the men in khaki, and note how often some fierce and mortal combat in the clouds is described by the victor as "the happiest moment in my life."

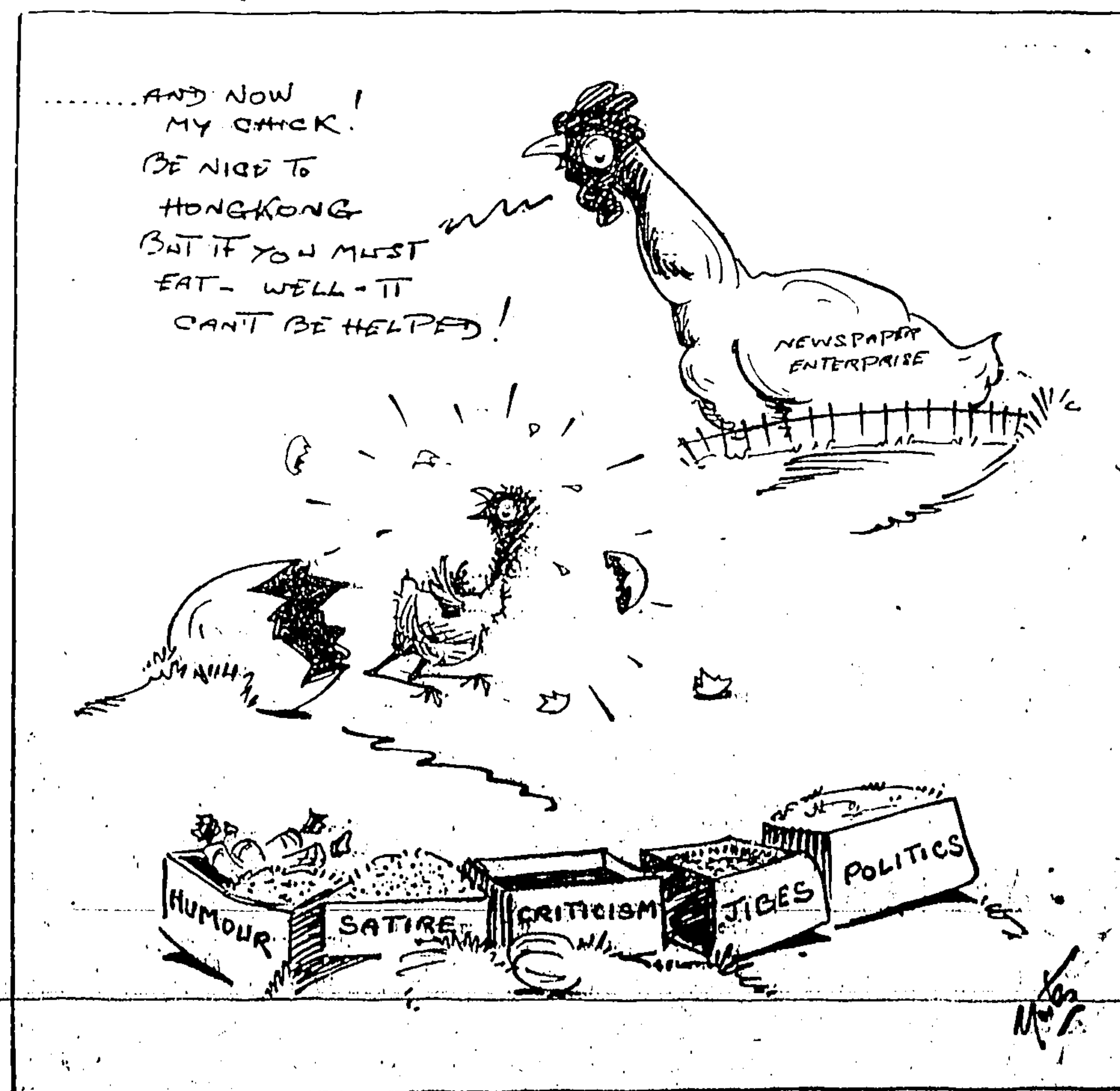
We can all of us understand, and even sympathise with, both of these sentiments. The truth is that war is a reversion to the primitive. Its heroism, its self-sacrifice, as well as its ferocities and terrors, are all well within the range of primitive man; one might almost say within that of the higher gregarious carnivora. A tigress will die for her young. Consequently it brings with it that thrill of release, of escape from the thin weary plodding ways of reason into the wide untrammelled rush of simple emotion, which naturally belongs to the primitive. This is what makes it so innately dangerous.

When the period of intense strain is over one wonders how much will remain of the high spirit of daring and sacrifice; how widely it may be followed by exhaustion, selfish weariness, and the callousness which is bred by familiarity with cruel and evil things. How far shall we find that the standard has permanently fallen, not only in things intellectual but in the prosaic virtues of self-control, moderation, honesty, diligence and care for truth which form the base of a high civilisation? Some such disturbances there is sure to be, and that at a time when the world will be in desperate need of all the wisdom it can muster.

The need will indeed be desperate. One may well look forward with comparative confidence as far as the Armistice which must close this war, but tremble at the prospect which will then open. We know in the main outline what ought to be done. The nations of Europe must be set free but cannot be left in anarchy. No one power can be trusted to rule the rest; therefore there must be some international authority strong enough to maintain the law and prevent resort to violence, and representative enough to inspire confidence. If communities wish to live in peace they must live as good neighbours and honest citizens. The "Principles of the Covenant" remain, as the British Government stated in its last address to the League of Nations. Assembly, the only basis on which civilisation can be built. The problem is not whether they are true but simply how to make them effective.

The eminent French historian, Elie Halévy, once said to me in a troubled period of our history that he saw in front of the British Empire five great problems; any one of which might well be fatal to an ordinary nation; but England, he thought, would overcome them.

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R.A.F. BRAVERY IN 'PLANE HIT OVER COLOGNE

THE PILOT OF an R.A.F. bomber described recently to the "Manchester Guardian" how his aircraft was set on fire over Cologne when an anti-aircraft shell fragment blew up a big flare which the bomber was about to drop. A hole ten feet long and three feet wide was torn in the fuselage, and part of the front turret was blown away, but in spite of this damage and the fire which followed the bombs were dropped and the aircraft came safely back.

The bomber's target was the railway yards at Cologne and all was ready for the attack when the machine was hit. "There was a blinding explosion from the front," said the pilot. "The perspex of the front turret was blown away, and there was another terrific explosion in the fuselage. The shell had touched off the flare.

"The observer and the wireless operator were both injured, and a 10ft. hole told the tale of the rear explosion, but not quite all of it. Nor did we see the hole at that moment. We were busy. I remember asking the bomb-aimer if he had dropped his bombs, but the only answer I got was 'I've been hit'.

Engines Unharmcd

"Very soon the smoke cleared a little, and to my amazement I saw that not only were the engines still there but that they were both running. Then the bomb-aimer came up through the well, his face streaming with what looked like blood.

"He was holding his head and could not stand upright. I could not possibly help him since it was all I could do to regain control of the aircraft.

"Suddenly he shouted 'Fire!' and staggered along towards the tail. There were flames coming through the door beneath the petrol tank I shouted to the crew to put them out. Nobody heard me. They were all there before I shouted.

"A little later I looked round and saw the wireless operator coming through the door with flames licking his flying suit. He was on fire himself.

"The bomb-aimer beat the flames out with his hands. Then he disappeared down the fuselage again. He seemed to have recovered completely, and it turned out that what I had taken to be blood was only oil.

"Back in the body of the machine the crew were working frantically to get rid of the incendiaries and anything that might explode. We carried on in this state and dropped our bombs. We had not made the journey for fun, and the job had to be done as best we could do it.

"The second pilot came forward and reported that the fire seemed to be under control. The wireless operator had pushed the blazing flare down the chute and the bomb-aimer was stamping the flames out.

"The second pilot left the bomb-aimer to deal with the fire, and went back to the tail gunner, who had been knocked out by the explosion. He had come to, thinking that the turret had been blown completely off and that it was falling through the sky.

"The next thing he remembers is helping to throw out the incendiary bombs and being told by the second pilot to go back for his parachute in case the other end of the aeroplane should fall off.

"During this time the wireless operator and I were alone in the cabin. He had collapsed on the floor and said, 'I'm going blind, sir.' His face was burned completely black and it looked as though blood was streaming from his eyes.

"When the crew returned I sent the second pilot back for the first-aid outfit, and told the others to look after the wireless operator, who at first refused to be helped. He got to his feet and said, 'I must get to the wireless.'

"As soon as his burns had been attended to he clambered to his wireless and started to send out messages saying that we were on our way back to base.

"But first he had to explain the settings of the dials to the rear gunner, and when everything was ready he had his hand guided to the key. For 40 minutes he stood

like that, tapping out his message, but the aerial had been shot away and nothing got through.

Five-Hour Journey

"It took us five hours to get home—there was an 80-mile wind against us. All those hours the wireless operator made no moan or complaint, although he was suffering from the intense cold as well as from his burns. He asked for nothing in the way of treatment and did not even admit he was suffering.

"When we told him we would land at the nearest aerodrome he begged that we should go the extra 100 miles so that we could all get back to our friends and let them see that we were safe.

"It was a crew to be proud of. Not one of them showed even the slightest trace of fear or doubt as to our ability to get through. That the aircraft was able to cover the distance is the finest tribute possible to the designers, manufacturers, and workmen. The whole of the skin and ribs had been blown off one side of the fuselage, and on the other side all the rivets were missing."

THE HUN —BY A BISHOP

"Modern reprisals are essentially barbarous and do not find any possible place in the life of the Christian or in the ethics of the Englishman," said the Bishop of Portsmouth, Dr. Frank Partridge, in his address at Portsmouth Diocesan Conference.

"If I were to depict the face of a Hun airman flying at 30,000 feet and loosing high explosive bombs over the earth hoping that they would hit something, I should paint a half-witted, leering vacuous face chosen from the denizens of a lunatic asylum roaring with laughter as it just tosses out its missiles and gaping with glee at what will happen.

It Won't Help

"That is a true picture. Is it something to imitate? Is foul play to be met by foul play? Indeed, no. It isn't sane. Imitate a lunatic and you become one.

"Second, these eyes-for-eyes are not of much use. It is only necessary to think for five minutes of the peculiarly void and empty result of the below-the-belt method of the Hun to see that shooting German sailors in the water as they come up from a submarine won't bring the war an inch nearer victory."

'PLANE HIT BUT FOUGHT TWO MORE

HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES can take it. So can their pilots. . . Pilot of a Hurricane, hit by cannon and machine-gun fire, half of an aileron shot off, helped others to down a Junkers 88 and a Messerschmidt 100.

"After my 'plane had been damaged by a Messerschmidt 109 I started for home," he said. "Then I saw a Junkers 88 being attacked."

"I got in one burst and then hurled off while three other Hurricanes attacked it. He caught fire and crashed.

"I climbed up again somehow and saw a Messerschmidt 100. I joined in the attack and got in three good bursts, one of which caused smoke to pour out.

"Another Hurricane also fired. 'We were down to about 500ft. I fired again as the enemy was coming towards me. He turned and crashed at a Surrey aerodrome. I landed there, too, and left my Hurricane to be repaired."

Piloted Blazing Spitfire Home

A Spitfire, after probably destroying at Dornier 215 and a Messerschmidt 109, was in turn attacked by six more Messerschmidt 109s, when he was only a few miles from the French Coast. The pilot had no choice but to cut and run.

"I reached the clouds," he said, "and started for the English Coast. I was hit about three feet forward of the tail unit, on the star-board side, which caused a slit three feet long and cut a rudder control cable.

"Five miles from my base, I received a shell through the crank case, which broke the throttle control. The engine caught fire and I switched off.

"I again switched on at about 1,000 feet to enable me to reach the coast.

"The engine was blazing and flames were filling the cockpit. The engine stopped over the coast area, but I put down the wheels and flaps and made a safe landing at my aerodrome."

SHIPPING BLACK-OUT

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that it has been decided that from sunset to sunrise on the night of 26th instant, all lights on shipping and wharves must be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction, and no deviations from the provisions of the Black-out Order of 1940 will be permitted.

On the remaining nights of the black-out, namely, 27th and 28th instant, all ships loading or unloading cargo, and wharves employed in building ships on behalf of Government, may use a restricted number of lights, but the cooperation of the companies concerned is requested so that the number of lights in use may be reduced to the minimum, and, as far as possible, should be screened.

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POLISH "ACE" EVENS ACCOUNT WITH THE NAZIS

A HOT COMPETITION is going on in the Royal Air Force now operating on several fronts — over Germany and the Continent, over Britain, over Albania, over Africa.

Two or three lucky men have put their personal "bag" above the twenty mark. Certain squadrons have passed the double century.

Besides these local affairs, we are now running test matches. The Aussies and the South Africans are playing off a terrific series month by month in North Africa and clawing down Savoias and Capronis and Bredas and Fiats in a breakneck "best of five" matches.

There is an airfield on foreign soil which shall be forever England where an all-Black squadron of New Zealanders competes daily against British fighters for an antique silver cup dug out of some local ruins while making Ack-Ack defences. The cup (which changes hands almost every night) goes to the side which has shot down most attackers during the day's games in the clouds.

And still the all-England players in the home skies form a team worthy of an Ibad.

The pilots' room was buzzing, the other night, with the story of one of those single-handed exploits.

Fought Nazis At Warsaw

A Polish pilot had died that day; but it was not sorrow, but pride, that rang in the hushed voices telling his tale.

He was an officer in the Polish Air Force in 1939, and when the Germans besieged Warsaw he was in charge of a squadron of British-built fighters that tried to defend the city from aerial massacre.

Outnumbered by forty and fifty to one, the Poles fought to the end; and this officer was the last man to fly in defence of the shambles below. One by one he saw his comrades shot out of the sky; still the dark hordes of bombers came, though scores blazed on the ground.

At last, he faced the destroying fleets alone. He never told how many German aircraft he shot down but we know his bag must have been astounding, because, after he had made his escape from Poland and later joined the R.A.F., we saw him in action.

Not until he had been several months over here did any other details of his story come out. Then, in odd words, grunted assents and inferences, it was understood that he had spent thirty-six hours trying to dig out his mother, father, wife and 4-year-old son from beneath ruins, blazing all along one side, that had collapsed on them as they tried to hide from the rain of German explosives from the skies.

The child died first; then the two old people. When he had got through a hand to touch his wife, and pass her some water, more wall collapsed, injuring his arms, and entombing the young wife in a final silence. He never got her out.

Believed Chance Would Come

He had a strange belief—almost a mania. He said that a certain Major von Epp was in charge of the German bombers that pitilessly smashed Warsaw, systematically flying to and fro over it. He said he would know this man by the way he handled his aircraft in attack, and he said he would meet the German again in air battle.

His personal "bag" was sixteen enemy machines when, during the early evening, at the beginning of a recent great attack on London, his section took the air. They got into a very big mass fight with scores of Heinkels and Messerschmitts, and from the beginning it was obvious that the Pole had picked out one for himself, apparently the leader of the raiders.

No doubt about it, the German could fly. It seemed at times as if the main battle stood still to watch the whirling of those two machines, out on the edge of the mob, where they had plenty of skyroom. The German, flying a

big Heinkel bomber, accepted the challenge right from the start. Despite his heavier aircraft, he gave back round for round, and more. Every one of his gun-nests flamed as the fighter wheeled about him.

Twice the Pole tried to ram, and failed by inches.

Both Machines Crash

Each machine had been hit several times. Later, the Heinkel's fuselage was found riddled like a colander, and one wing had fifty-four bullet holes. A shell from the German hit the tip of the British machine's wing, and tore away several feet of covering, leaving naked ribs. Early in the fight the Pole was wounded in the left shoulder.

The end came with startling suddenness. Another of those savage attempts to ram caught the Heinkel just as it tried to turn, sheared away its port wing close to the body, buckled up the attacker like a kicked can, and sent them both rolling over and over into the abyss.

They came down within twenty yards of each other, and from among the ruins of the black bomber one figure painfully clambered, limping frightfully, with one leg dragging. It took a hop or two toward the smashed fighter that had done the damage.

Then, from the fighter's cockpit came the harsh chatter of an automatic. The limping German stopped, crumpled slowly, and fell.

The Pole was still alive when they got to him.

"That's—von Epp," he gasped. "You can know him, duelling cut across his left cheek."

And he closed his eyes and went to sleep comfortably, for the last time. He was smiling, but the dreadful, cruel bitterness had all gone out of it.

There was an old duelling scar across the German's cheek, and apart from wounds got in the sky combat, he had eight bullets in his chest from his enemy's automatic. Letters and personal items on the body showed that the name was Karl von Epp.

FLYING GIANT IS MISSING

Served In China Air Force

Flight-Lieutenant L. P. Rowley, of the R.A.F., a former colonel in the Chinese Army, is reported missing.

He is thirty years of age and 6ft. 4½in. in height.

Since he left left Taunton School he had had an adventurous life.

He has been a pilot in an air circus, and a crazy flyer in American films, and when he went to China to help to make the Chinese air-minded he was made a lieutenant-colonel at the age of twenty-one.

Before joining the R.A.F. he took part in the "appeasement" flight to Munich, piloting a plane carrying Foreign Office officials to the talks with Hitler.

The flight-lieutenant has played football for Southampton.

His brother, Mr. Richard Rowley, is a former Preston North End centre forward and Irish international.

Flight-Lieutenant Rowley is the second son of Major R. L. Rowley and Mrs. Rowley, of Wutling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston.

AIR SUPREMACY IN BALANCE, SAY REDS

Air supremacy in the war belongs to neither Germany nor Britain, the official organ of the Soviet army declared.

British aviation, it was added, was not crushed and was even spreading its activity.

TO NOT RINGING BELLS—1S. 6D.

Although it can no longer toll a bell at funerals, St. Pancras Borough Council still charges a 1s. 6d. bell-ringing fee for every funeral entering the cemetery church.

A Londoner finding this item on an account for the burial of a relative, protested. The answer he got was: "We have to charge it. It's in the regulations."

An official of the Council told a reporter that they regarded this charge as part of an inclusive fee, and saw no reason to change it.

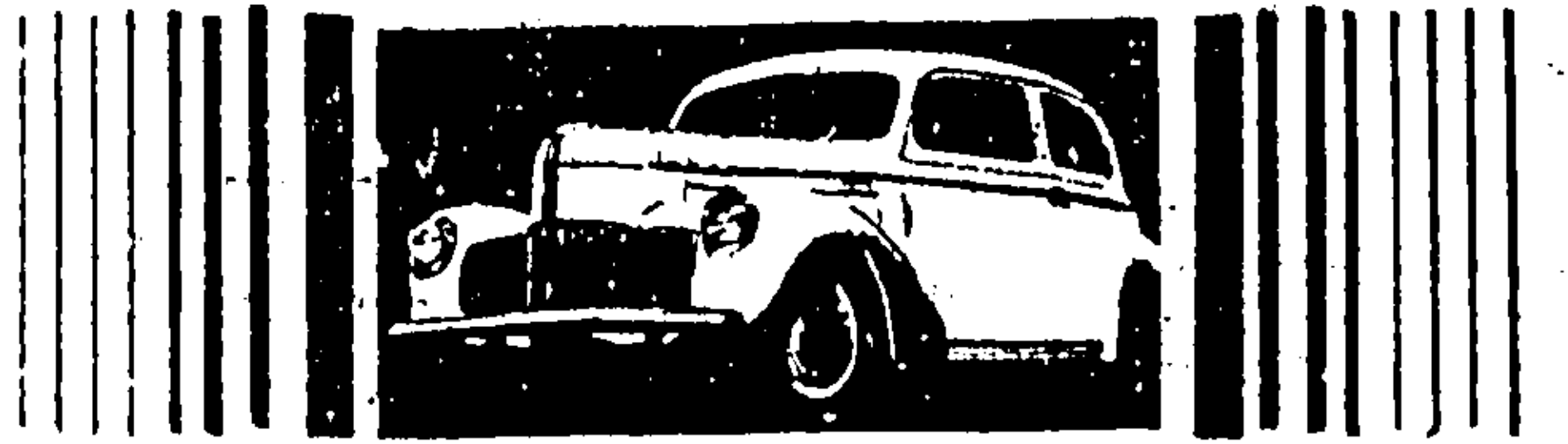
"Our charges are the lowest in London," he added. "If we wanted to stop the charge for bell-tolling because we can no longer do it, we should have to get permission of the Home Office, and that would take a long time, even if it were agreed to."

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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BRIDGE NOTES

AN EASY FLAY By The Four Aces

A good billiard player usually manages to get a succession of easy plays, causing the spectator to lose sight of the skill which sets up such simple positions. In the same way, a fine Bridge player makes plays which look perfectly simple and harmless, yet are really responsible for the outcome of the hand. For example:

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K

♠ K 7 4
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

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♠ J 10 6
♥ 6
♦ A 8 4
♣ A J 9 8

♠ A 5
♥ A K 10 3
♦ K Q J 7 3
♣ 6 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of clubs, East winning with the Ace. And then East made the sort of "simple" play we mentioned by returning a low diamond. There was nothing spectacular about it, but it was the best available play and was sure to lead to the contract's defeat.

Note that South was unable to make the contract after winning the trick. The bad trump break made it impossible for him to draw trumps before knocking out the diamonds Ace, for then the opponents could run the entire club suit. But if he knocked out the diamond Ace before drawing trumps, West would get a diamond ruff, and there was no way to avoid the loss of one trick in each black suit.

It's true that East could have defeated the contract without returning the low diamond at the second trick provided he refused to win the first diamond trick whenever diamonds were led. But the actual play was simpler, served the same purpose and had a better chance to succeed if the cards had been slightly differently located. West might have had either red King instead of the spade King (with the same distribution, however) and East's low diamond lead would indicate the best defence.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

The biddings:

Schenker	You	Jacoby	Maier
1♣	2♣	2♦	Pass
Pass	(3)		

ANSWER: Pass. If your partner couldn't bid over two diamonds, there is no game in this hand for your side. The current contract should be highly satisfactory to you but there is no point in doubling again since that would be another Takeout Double—besides which you can't be sure that you'll defeat the contract.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 649.

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 10 9 7 3
♥ A J 9
♦ Q 8 7
♣ A Q

What do you bid as dealer? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RESTORED TO REGISTER

At a sitting of a General Medical Council in London, the chairman, Mr. H. L. Eason, announced that the council had decided to restore to the register the names of Peter Gerald Stevenson Davis, Ayr, Douglas Maxwell and David Davidson Watson.



The mentally sketchy friend thought it was pretty silly when the nurse told her hospital visiting hours were 2 to 4. She didn't feel a bit like visiting.

MAY TEST ARMS FOR BRITAIN

Hundreds of the British Army's experts would be relieved for duty in England, authorities predicted if the United States takes over the work of testing the munitions leased or lent to embattled "democracies."

They said the proposal, part of the Administration's lease-lend bill, would make the War Department's vast proving ground at Aberdeen, Md., and another projected one near Madison, Ind., available for testing guns, tanks and other weapons consigned to the British.

There was some speculation that the provision, if passed by Congress, would result in Great Britain abandoning the idea of establishing a proving ground of her own in this country. In any event, officials said, it would relieve the British of the necessity of sending men to supervise the tests.

DEEP SHELTERS—IF ROCK IS RIGHT

Highly-skilled technical advice is to be placed at the disposal of local authorities who plan deep tunnel shelters in suitable rock.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, stated this in announcing the issue of a circular on deep shelters.

Deep tunnel shelters, says the circular, should be confined to areas where shelters are likely to be regularly used for sleeping, and to places where the strata are favourable. For instance, the rock should be a sound limestone, sandstone or chalk, and it should outcrop fairly steeply.

Mr. Morrison added: "In London plans for tunnels from the tubes are in hand, and there is no need for London local authorities to take further action."

WHEN BABY LOSES APPETITE.

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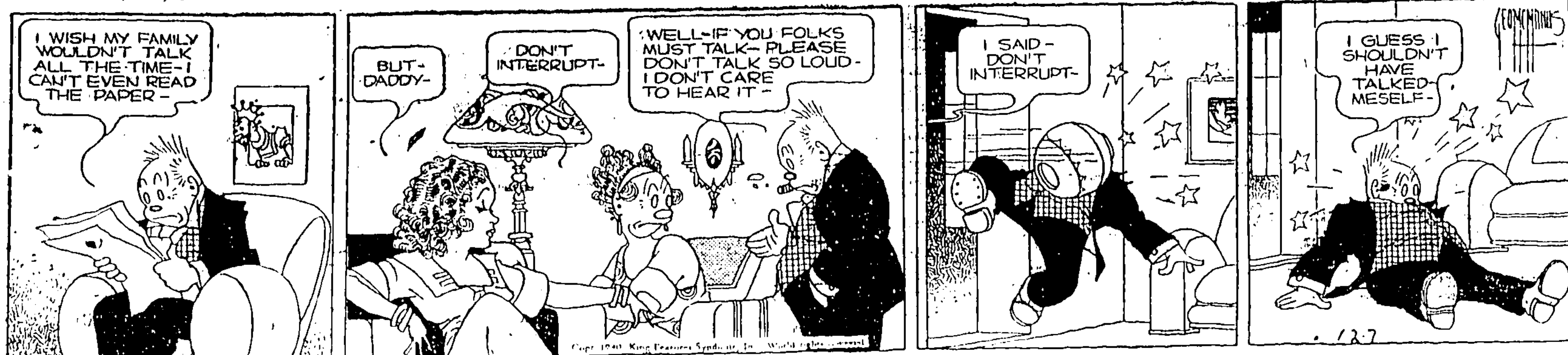
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Health Reducing Menus

Many women who would like to reduce have not the patience to follow a planned thirty-day reducing diet, or are so busy that they cannot concentrate on prescribed menus. For these women, here are a few valuable suggestions which are easily memorized and which actually work wonders if followed consistently.

It is not necessary to eat meat, unless your physician tells you differently. But you must eat some protein. Protein is found in cheese, nuts, eggs, most beans and fish. Gelatin, wheat germ and the avocado pear are also considered substitutes for meat. So instead of eating meat, eat one of the above with your largest daily meal.

In modern, well-balanced menus there is no place for heavy sauces or rich desserts. Just avoid them and you not only will keep slim but you will grow healthier. Vegetables and fruits should be taken raw in salads, or steamed when cooked. Drink your milk skimmed, but do drink milk unless you are allergic to it.

Forget about in between meal snacks unless you eat very lightly at mealtimes. If your meal is light, then you are allowed a cup of fruit or vegetable juice, or you may munch on a crisp piece of celery or carrot.

Think "Slim"

You were perhaps raised on the theory that you require "three good meals per day." Just forget you ever heard of that. You do need three meals a day but they need not be heavy meals if they are well balanced.

One famous nutritionist has had great success with the theory that approximately 60% of your food should consist of vegetables and fruits and juices of both; 20% should be protein preferably



ELIZABETH EARLE of Warner Bros. emerging from her pool. Swimming is considered the very best active sport for women. It proportions the figure nicely and gives the body the action it needs.

any protein except meat; 10% of starchy and sweet foods, which include fruits for desserts, honey

and brown sugar for sweetening, natural syrups, whole grains, wild rice, baked potatoes, chestnuts and lima beans. And your fat and oil intake should be no more than the remaining 10%.

Perhaps it will be difficult for you at first to figure percentages of menus but if you will bear in mind that over half your food should be vegetables and fruits and less than one-fourth protein, and only one-tenth sweets and starches you will fare pretty well.

Keep Colon Clean

The most important step in reducing scientifically and successfully is in keeping your colon clean. You should exercise sufficiently and eat regularly so that you have a normal movement or two each day. Chronic constipation not only creates excess weight, but it encourages poor health, unlovely skin and a lethargy which takes the joy out of living! Once you learn to balance your menus and to eat just enough, you should have little trouble.

other fish oils. Second in order are red palm leaf oil (only obtainable in capsule form), carrot juice in quantity, spinach, alfalfa, parsley, papaya, watercress, egg yolk, and such highly coloured fruits and vegetables as apples, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, persimmons and tomatoes.

It is good to remember that the raw juice of fresh fruits and vegetables give you much more nourishment than canned juice. So whenever you can, juice your fruits and vegetables in a juicer. Unsweetened pineapple juice may be combined with almost any vegetable juice, making a very palatable drink, and also aiding in the assimilation of other foods.

These Foods Nourish

Eyes

To strengthen eyes, scientists tell us, we must eat of the food which contains Vitamin A. Recently new tests have been made as to the importance of part of the Vitamin B complex, for treatment of eye trouble. But we are told the most important sources of eye nourishment are shark liver oil, halibut liver oil, fish roe, and

Protect The Eyes

Dust and wind make it necessary for us to give our eyes special care. If we neglect them we are flirting with poorer vision and all the minor aches which eyestrain causes.

CANTON WOMEN'S MEETINGS

The Canton Women's International Club, Hong Kong Branch, will hold their monthly meeting to-morrow at the Hong Kong Women's International Club rooms, Gloucester Building. The time has been changed to 3.30 p.m. A Portuguese programme will be presented, arranged through the kindness of Mr. D. O. Silver.

Mr. E. Moreton will speak on "Present Day Portugal." Musical numbers have been arranged by Miss Aurea Baptista. Tea will be served with special Portuguese novelties.

The March meeting will be an International evening, with programme items from each nationality, to entertain husbands and women friends, ending with a buffet supper of international foods. The April meeting will be given by the Parsee women of the club, on the interesting aspects of Parsee history and the part played by women. The May meeting will be the traditional May luncheon, with the installation of new officers.

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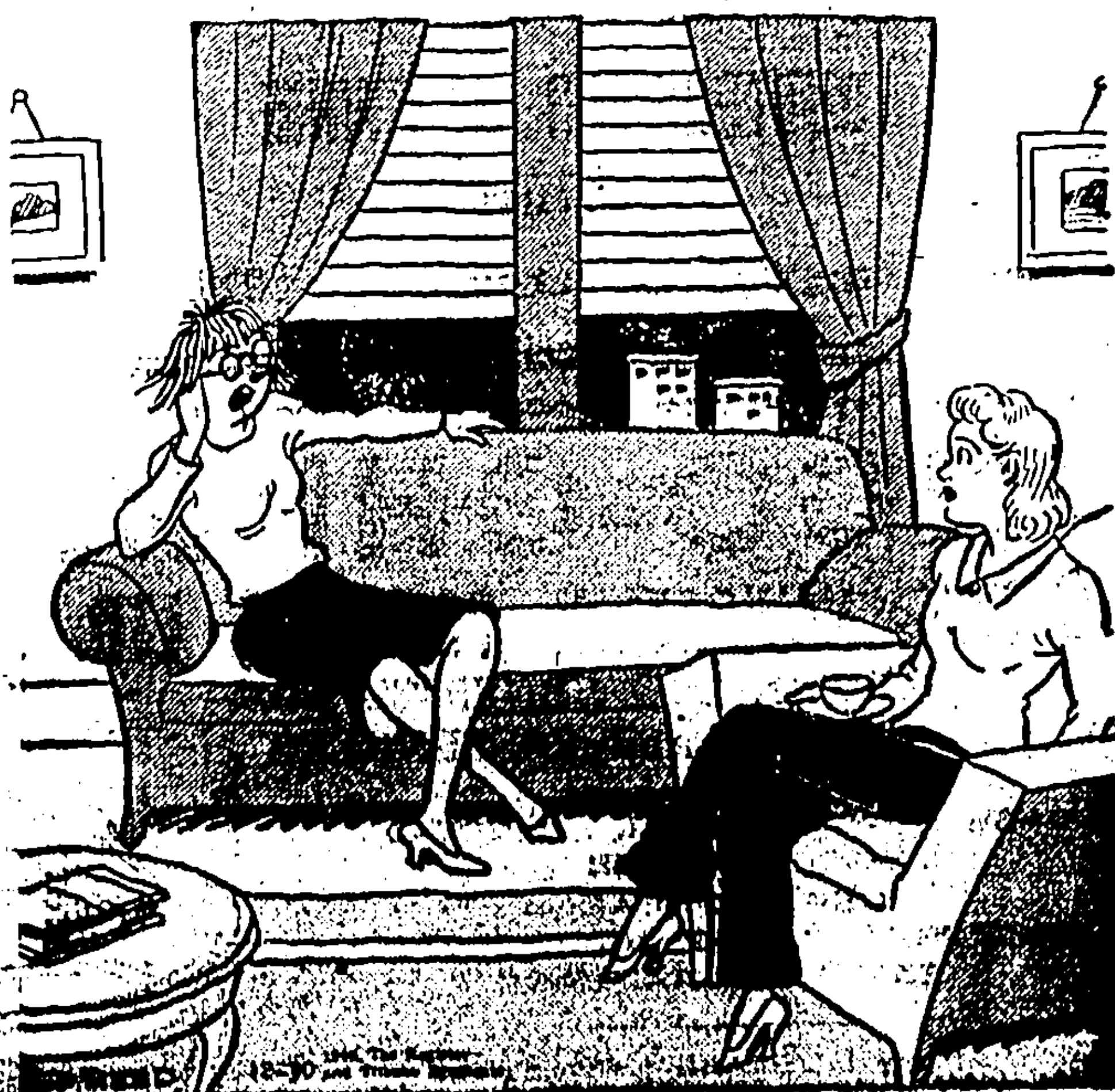
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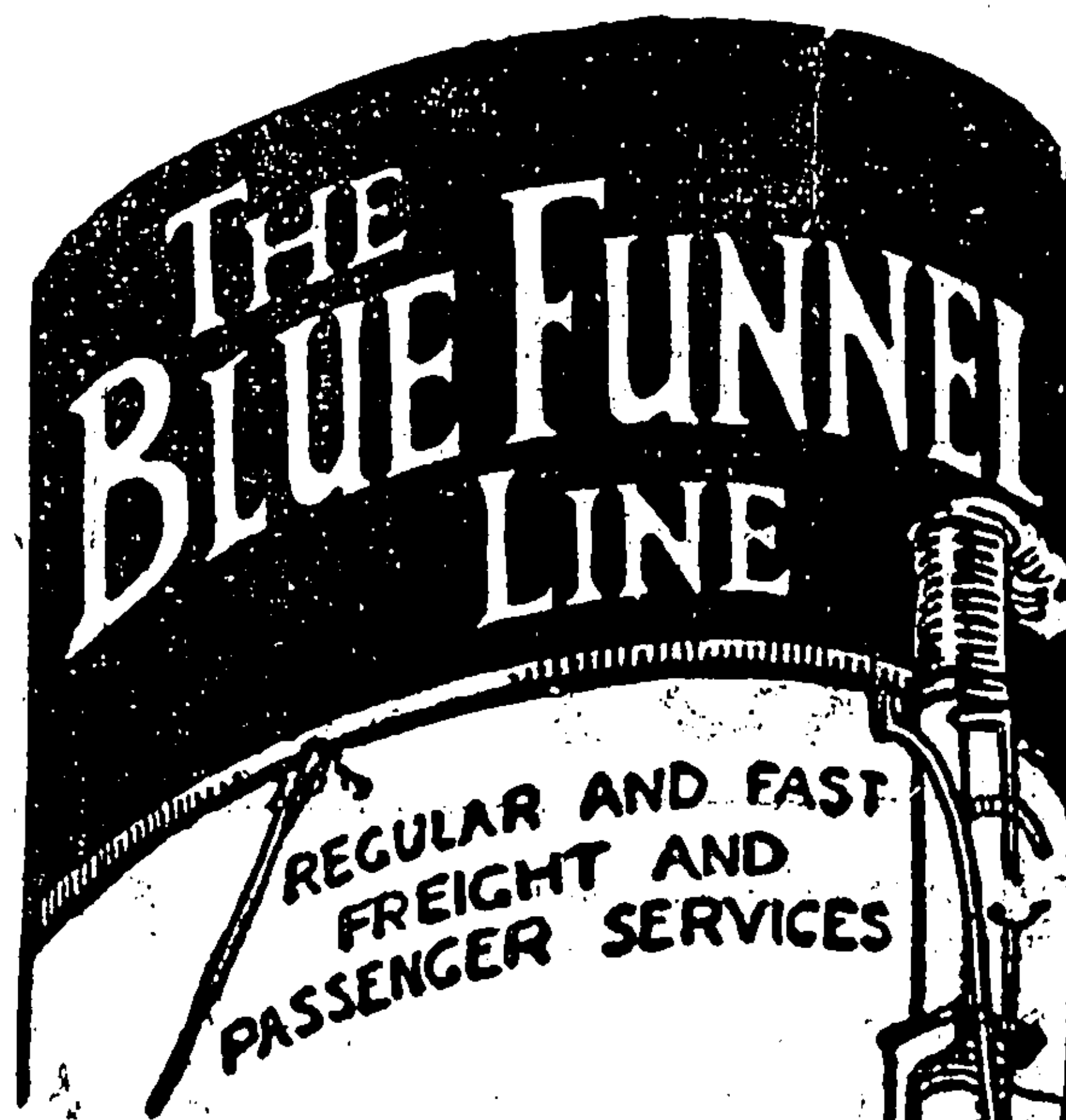
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SHUT SHOPS EARLY PLEA

Earlier closing of shops to enable assistants to reach home before the black-out and the barrage, was discussed in London by the employees and a department of the Home Office.

The employees' deputation represented shop and distributive workers generally throughout the country.

No definite decision was reached after talks lasting an hour and a half.

The deputation was informed that the points put forward would receive the consideration of the Home Secretary.

It is believed by the unions that an adjustment of working hours would be possible, enabling shops to close an hour or two earlier without inconveniencing the public or interfering with trade.

The case for the unions on behalf of 1,750,000 people engaged in shops and the distributive trades was presented by Mr. J. Hallsworth, Distributive Workers' Union, and Mr. M. Hann, Shop Assistants' Union.

Mr. Hann said afterwards that they asked that there should be a general order applicable to all shops, and that local authorities should have power to fix still earlier closing hours where necessary.

TO PAY £200 A YEAR

When a husband's claim for damages was withdrawn in the Divorce Court his counsel stated that the co-respondent had agreed to pay the wife £200 a year.

Mr. Justice Hodson approved the arrangement.

Mr. Gilbert Sidney Hole, a farmer, of Albourne, Hants, was granted a decree nisi because of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Mary C. I. Hole, with the co-respondent, Mr. Frederick H. M. Kaye. The suit was not defended, and costs were awarded against Mr. Kaye.

Mr. Hole's case was that his wife was a keen horsewoman, and she and Mr. Kaye had common interests in hunting and show riding. They eventually confessed that they were in love, and Mr. Hole learned that they had lived together.

676 MOTHERS EVACUATED

Under the Government scheme, 676 mothers with 1,156 children under five and children of school age were evacuated from Croydon (Surrey) to reception areas in three weeks.

CHINESE URGED TO ACCEPT SACRIFICES

DR. S. W. TS'O broadcast from ZBW last night appealing for increased recruitment by Chinese into the Hong Kong Police Reserve Force.

"Chinese in Free China," said Dr. Ts'o, have won the golden opinion of the whole world by their willingness to make sacrifices for their liberty, freedom, hearth and home and country. I will not suffer myself to think that Chinese in Hong Kong are a whit less public-spirited than their compatriots in Free China."

The idea of the Police Reserve was the outcome of the great Strike which broke out in the Colony in 1925 when a Chinese Special Constabulary was organised to help the Police in coping with the emergency.

"At that time I was appointed by the Government as Chinese Labour Controller working in conjunction with Mr. Young, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the Chief Labour Controller, and I took responsibility over this Special Constabulary organisation. When the trouble was over, this Special Constabulary was disbanded, but its members kept together and expressed to me their willingness to become Police Reservists."

"I thought this was a good idea, inasmuch as Hong Kong would have a trained Force ready to cope with any emergency at once instead of calling up Special Constables at a moment's notice. I was requested to approach the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wylie, then the Inspector General of Police, on the subject, and Mr. Wylie completely agreed with the suggestion."

Status Of Force

"Discussions took place as to what the powers, duties and status of the new force should be, and when these were clearly defined and agreed upon and approved by the Government, the Police Reserve Ordinance of 1927 was passed. Thus the Hong Kong Police Reserve Force acquired its legal status. In the meantime, the Chinese Company had already been formed and was ready to function, and I was appointed by the Government the Honorary Commissioner thereof."

"Starting with this Chinese Company, the Indian Company was soon to follow and then the

Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. These four Units are, at present, the contingents of the whole Reserve Force, which is under the direct control of the Hon. Commissioner of Police, and its services have been greatly appreciated by the successive heads of the Police Department."

Population Growth

"During the past 3 years, the population of this Colony has been increased enormously, some say, by nearly one million. With this sudden and abnormal increase in the population, the responsibility of keeping peace and good order in the Colony falls very heavily upon the shoulders of the Regular Police. Although the strength of the Reserve Force has increased considerably since its inception, the present number is not considered to be sufficient to cope with any emergency which may arise under present conditions. A further increase of another five hundred men is deemed necessary, and the Government has now authorised this increase, and directed that such increase should be made mainly in the Chinese Company."

"As the Honorary Commissioner of the Chinese Company, I consider it my bounden duty to see to it that this order be carried out, and carried out quickly, as every man who is enrolled in the Force must undergo various courses of training before he can be expected to perform his duties efficiently."

"In order to facilitate recruiting of new members for the Chinese Company, I deem it advisable to make known our needs to the public, especially to the Chinese community, by way of an appeal, and I have obtained permission to do so by broadcasting on the radio a few words to urge our young Chinese to come forward and join the Reserve Force."

The Facts

"In doing so, I would like to place before them the following facts:—

1. The population of this Colony consists of more than 97% Chinese. Should any disturbance break out, the Chinese community would suffer most.

2. To help in keeping and maintaining peace and good order in the Colony is the duty of every good citizen. The Chinese, being the largest section of the community, should take the largest share or part in performing this duty, as it really means the protection of their own hearth and home and their business and properties."

"I feel sure that the Chinese fully realise the above facts and are anxious to come forward and do their bit. But what they may not know is that the Chinese Company is having a recruiting campaign or how to get themselves enrolled. Now I will tell them. If they will call personally at the Police Reserve Chinese Company's Headquarters on the first floor of Prince's Building, No. 5 Ice House Street, or at the Chinese Company's Club on the first floor of Pedder Building, Pedder Street, they will be supplied with application forms and directed as to how to fill in such forms. After certain enquiries have been made, their applications will be submitted to the Hon. Commissioner of Police for approval and enrolment. When their applications are approved they will be informed."

"Infra Dig"

"There may be some who, on account of their abilities or posi-

tion in life, feel that it is infra dig to act as a common Chinese Constable. Here, I must tell them an incident which I know of my personal knowledge. During the emergency in 1925, Mr. Justice Compertz, our late Puisne Judge, stood guard over the Supreme Court as a Special Constable. Many notables, too, in the Colony acted in the same manner. One should realise that to render a service to the public is an honour in itself."

"One more point I would like to mention here. In giving to Charities, there is a saying that 'He gives twice who gives quickly.' Similarly, one who renders his services promptly gives his services a double value. Please therefore, gentlemen, come quickly and join the Police Reserve Force. Take your proper places under the sun as good citizens and prove yourselves true and worthy sons of Cathay wherever you may reside."

"I would also like to add my appeal to heads of all business firms, both European and Chinese. Many Chinese are employed in your firms as clerks. Please encourage them to join up and give them every facility for training. As time is pressing, training must commence as soon as they join the Force. The present arrangements for training start at 4 p.m. and 4 times a week, subject, of course, to changes. Any intelligent man can pass all his tests within two weeks. After the training is over, he may be called upon to perform active duty by the Hon. Commissioner of Police. Generally these duties do not interfere much with office work, except when an emergency actually occurs. In that case, of course, even office work may have to be suspended."

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By "Grandstand"

SPARKED BY DEN CRARY'S SUPERB MOUND PERFORMANCE, THE CHINESE BASEBALLERS ALMOST REPEATED THEIR FORMER SUCCESS AGAINST THE HONG KONG BASEBALLERS IN THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE ON SUNDAY, WHEN THEY HAD THE GAME IN THE BAG IN THE SEVENTH WITH A TWO-RUN LEAD, BUT HANDED IT BACK TO THE MOHAWKS ON A GOLDEN PLATTER, WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS, ON A PRIZE BOOT TO LET THE TIEING RUN CROSS THE PLATE.

The Waggonermen pulled the game out of the fire in the first overtime stanza when Pete Fitch romped home with the tie-breaker on Ernie Hearther's single.

Chinese hurler Den Crary had the Mohawks eating out of his hand, and would have been credited with a victory had sufficient support been given him, as it was, the game was just bootled away.

Crary fanned eight, surprised Waggonermen, and held power-hitter Pete Fitch hitless in four batting chances.

Cy "Screwball" Jones, keeping the rubber for the Mohawks, yielded only three scattered hits, passed one and fanned one.

Mohawks Tally

The Mohawks went to bat first, Joe Morris leading off with a ringing double and scored on a wild throw for the first Waggonermen tally. With Chuck Waggoner dropping in the mud-way station, Johnnie Schallberg, the pride of the Texaco Oilers, swung at three fanning one for the first strike-out. Lou Leight was next crased on a feeble grounder to first and Pete Fitch, the next bewildered victim, didn't even touch the ball as he went down swinging.

In the Chinese turn with the bat, Nip Lum drew a pass and pilfered second, to score when Ernie Hearther tumbled third-sacker Lou Leight's toss to first. Two more markers on two more miscues piled up a Chinese three-run start. In the second frame, the Mohawks evaded the count, when Ernie Hearther slashed one to the right, which first-sacker Abe Liu couldn't handle, and proceeded to burgle second, third and home, whilst Cy Jones scored on a perfect double steal.

Three Mohawk errors in the third, gave the Chinese a short-lived lead of two runs, which the Waggonermen soon regained in the fourth. George White's double gave the Liumen one more, whilst Willie Wilson's homer increased the lead to two.

The Mohawks were blanked in the fifth and sixth.

Leight Given Life

Opening the last semester Lou Leight was given a life on Crary's fumble, and slid safely into third on a wild toss. Fitch walked and stole second.

With ducks in the pond, first sacker Abe Liu deliberately bootled Ernie Hearther's dump to first, in an attempt to bamboozle the umpire, but hawk-eyed arbitrator Huckle Kitchell was right on the spot and pronounced it a fair ball.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W	L	Pctg
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indians	10	3	.769
Hong Kong Baseballers	9	3	.750
Cyclones	7	5	.583
Recreio Aces	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	1	7	.125
Empires	2	9	.182
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.I.C.	9	1	.900
Recreio Aces	6	4	.667
R.A.F.	6	4	.667
Costumed Aces	6	4	.600
Ugla Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	1	7	.125
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

Wildcats	12	1	.923
Canadian Chinese	11	1	.917
Wahoos	9	4	.692
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblertettes	1	10	.237
Chung Hwa	1	12	.077
Little Flowers	1	12	.077

INTER HONG LEAGUE

Hong Kong Bankers	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

A neat double-killing with the bases loaded prevented further damage, as pinch-hitter Davis flied out to end the inning.

In the eighth, Fitch hoisted one in the centre, which Wilson muffed, and scored on a single for the lead to change hands once more.

This turned out to be the winning run, as Abe Liu, John Fisher and Victor Lim were retired in succession in their turn with the bat.

Willie Wilson, connected for the only four master of the day, whilst Joe Morris, Johnnie Schallberg, Lou Leight, and George White were good for doubles. Chinese right-gardener Johnnie Fitch, was a one-man fielder, as he batted down everything that came out to the centre and right gardens.

The only twin-killing was made when hurler Den Crary clamped his hands on Cy Jones pop ball and tossed Ernie Hearther out at third.

Hassan's Catches

The Indians subdued the Canadian Chinese 8-1 in an almost errorless fielding display, featured by A. B. Hassan's five circus catches in the centre patch. Hassan also banged in the only four-bagger of the game with none aboard, whilst Baby Abbas tripled for the next longest clout, Nazam chucked for the Indians, walked none and passed none, whilst George Lee, who went the route for the Canucks, issued three free tickets to first.

Fielding a scratch team, the Recreio Aces held the Cyclones to a 4-4 tie after two innings, but forfeited the points after Eddie "Doctor" Gosano sustained an injury which necessitated his removal from the game, leaving the Aces short-handed.

The unfortunate incident occurred when Cyclone short-stop Ahdor Rumjahn held on the Roberto Marques' line-drive, catching Gosano off second. Both Gosano and keystone Barney Abbey attempted to beat each other to the sack. After the players had sorted themselves out from the clash, Gosano was found to have dislocated his right shoulder.

HOCKEY

Interport Probables' Disappointing Display Outplayed By British Army Weakness In The Attack Apparent

By "Sportshawk"

IN A PRACTICE GAME at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Colony Interport Hockey Probables gave a disappointing display in being beaten by a Combined British Army team by 3 goals to 1, after being led at the interval by 0-1.

The Probables showed skill neither as a combination nor individually and obviously the team is in need of a great deal of further practice.

T. Whitley failed to turn up and the right-wing berth was taken over by Smith in the first half and E. Fowler on the resumption.

Play was mostly in favour of the soldiers, who were at full strength, with the exception of Sheehan, who was engaged in a Rugby game. His place at right-back was filled by Leslie, a Police player.

Forward-Line Weak

The weakest department in the Probables team was their forward-line, in which only B. Gosano and G. Singh struck form,

WILDCATS BEAT THE WAHOOS: HEAD LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

IN THE LADIES' Softball head-liner, the Wildcats nosed out the Wahoos in a 4-3 thriller, to head the League, with the Canadian Chinese right behind them.

Thelma Collaco toed the rubber for the victors, held the Owls to six safeties, and fanned two. Therese "Big Chief" Noronha for the losers, also chucked a six-safety, but walked two besides whiffing two.

Redbird hurler Dabida fanned one and walked none, whilst Ramblertette Gerry Jorge handed out free transportation to first to two cards.

Cellar Champs!

In the ladies "cellar classic," the Chung Hwa lasses had sweet revenge, who they handed out a 24-13 trouncing to the Little Flowers. The two teams are now tied for the wooden spoon. Florida slabstress Lily Rozario fanned two and walked two, whilst Chung Hwa twirler Fungie Law whiffed three and passed three. Triples were clouted in by Frances "Zaza" Lee and Irene Lee. Frances came galore in the traces, Chung Hwa booting 15 times, whilst the Floridians were guilty of no less than 17 miscues.

Wahco lead-off hitter, Yvonne "Hit-and-run" Yelle takes the bow for the best stick work performance with a three-in-four performance, while Irene "Sluggo" Pereira connected for the only extra-base clout with a ringing double.

The Wahoos went to bat first, and chalked up a marker on a single and two passed balls, whilst the Untamed Felines replied with one, on a walk and two nobbles. In the third, the Owls garnered another tally on two safeties, assisted by an expensive Wildcat miscue. The leadership changed, as again in the fourth when two Wildcat miscues counted on three successive Wahco miscues. In the fifth, the Owls knotted the lead once more, when hurler Thelma Collaco fanned Jackie Appleton's roller, whilst Yvonne Yelle romped home with the tie-breaker. In the sixth and seventh, the Green-shirted clan was set down to one two three order, but Violet Virginia Cui, pinch-hitting for Margaret Young, drew a pass and was advanced to third on Irene Pereira's two-bagger. Virginia Cui stole home to take the game way.

Wahco left-fielder Jeannette "Blondie" Yelle provided the fielding gem of the day, when she froze on to Irene Pereira's long fly between centre and left which had homer written all over it, to snuff a Wildcat up rising.

Cardinals Finish Well

The Cardinals wound up their League schedule by humiliating the Recreio Ramblertettes 19-5, in a fifteen-hit slugging spree, headed by Egegna Babida's three-in-four, which included a round tripper and a two-bagger. Hind-satcher Rosita Bagalawis was right behind her with a three-in-five performance.

Best fielding performance goes to Redbird keystoneer, "Gilly" da Motta, who handled 10 fielding chances perfectly.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Chin Back

BY BEST BALL

There is more to keeping the chin pointed back of the ball, than merely fixing its anchorage so that the head will not sway forward or be lifted up. It also keeps the head in the ideal position to combat tension, which seems all too anxious to creep into a stroke. The chin pointed well in front of the ball makes it impossible to turn the hips or even to swing back, at all with any semblance of body and arm co-ordination. If any proof of this factor is needed, try facing the hole sometime while attempting to swing the club back. The attempt will prove a revelation in showing how simply the hips and body muscles can be tied up.

With the chin pointed back of the ball there is no tie up of this sort. The hips turn freely, the back and arms move smoothly in upswing and downstroke. Either pointing the chin back at address or moving it slowly back for a few inches with the stroke will suffice.

Next Article—Sway.

The Probables, however, reduced the lead through G. Singh about 10 minutes from the end. At this stage H. L. Ozorio was injured in the leg and had to be carried off the field, and Smith went in again to take over Fowler's position.

The Probables attempted several times to break through the Army defence but met with no success. PROBABLES—Benwell, Bond and J. Goncalves; N. Whitley, W. A. Reed and R. Marques; Smith (Fowler), G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and Brown. BRITISH ARMY—Dove, Leslie (Police) and Anderson; Crowley, Hook and Waldron; Singleton, Hymas, Hitchcock, Shaw and Homberg.

while the half-back line was best served by the pivot, W. A. Reed, and the right-half, R. Marques. J. Goncalves played a good game in defence, being steady and clearing well.

For the soldiers, Dove was safe between the sticks and Anderson distinguished himself in front of Dove. Hook was the mainstay of the intermediate-line.

The forwards were generally much better than the Probables, among them Hitchcock, Shaw and Homberg being prominent. These three players formed a formidable attacking unit on the left flank.

Army Score First

Army drew first blood through Hitchcock about five minutes towards the end of the opening period from a scrimmage. The same player added a further goal only a few minutes after the resumption from a pass from Homberg while two minutes later, Shaw netted the Army's final goal from a centre from Single-



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DISTANT VIEW WELL IN LEAD

Following shows how much the respective winners returned for their stable thrums in brackets during the first four days of the Annual Meeting:

Distant View (Lan)	8,000
United Express (Necan)	6,409
Oolong (T.K.L.)	6,181
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett)	4,500
Velvetlight (Cire)	3,266
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	2,774
Starlight (Cire)	2,750
Santa Anita (C.C.F.)	2,500
Palmer (Marber)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,150
Marsh Warbler (Pearstur)	2,150
Happy Returns (Lee Chi-choh)	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Fori (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun)	1,750
Viceroy (Vilaja)	1,750
Oracle (T.K.L.)	1,600
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.)	1,500
National Welfare (Yeung Bros.)	1,500
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	1,500
Bendemeer (P. M. Hoo)	1,500
Eve of Peace (Eve)	1,500
World Fair View (Lan)	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chun)	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton)	1,500
Moonlight (Cire)	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall)	1,500
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Black Seal (C.H.)	1,000
Prairie View (Lan)	1,000
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,000
Mountain View (Lan)	1,000
Many Thanks (Kia Ora)	1,000
Racylight (Cire)	1,000
Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory)	1,000
Brutus (G. Trevorton)	1,000
Longdon (G. Tinson)	1,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	987
Bugle (C. H. Chan)	900
Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Sam's Choice (Collene)	800
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	800
Gladiator (Eve)	750
Far View (Lan)	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
A Surprising Time (Toots)	600
Via Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Corsair (L.W.S.)	600
Nomine Poenae (Lee Bros.)	600
Charlesber (Marber I)	600
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun)	525
Eve of Reason (Eve)	525
Eve of Deception (Eve)	500
Bona Vacantia (Culture)	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak)	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman)	500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	500
Mainstay (Sailbad the Sinner)	500
National Courage (Why)	400
Hascossay (T. & E.)	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	350
Roofly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Racoteur (Manetta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.)	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	261
Pumpnickel (T.L.)	250
Spicylight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Cocoa)	250
Conniebar (Marber I)	250
A Good Time (I.M.M.F.)	250
Hughbar (Marber I)	200
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.)	200

JOE LOUIS RETAINS TITLE; THIRD FIGHT IN 3 MONTHS

MOLLER & CIRE TOP LIST

Following is how the jockeys and owners fared in the first four days of the Annual Race Meeting:

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Un
C. B. Moller	6	5	4	9
V. V. Needa	5	5	3	20
D. Black	5	1	7	20
H. C. P.H.	4	5	2	14
F. Noodt	4	3	2	18
L. B. Chao	3	4	3	13
W. H. S. Davis	3	4	1	18
Ip Kuei-ying	3	0	1	3
M. M. Soko-off	2	5	3	12
S. C. Liang	2	2	1	16
H. J. A. Hearne	2	1	1	9
W. G. Poy	1	4	0	13
P. V. T. Wei	1	1	3	8
D. C. Toppin	1	1	0	4
P. P. Botelho	1	0	3	18
B. L. Tiao	1	0	3	28
D. H. S. Craven	1	0	2	6
H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
G. Trevorton	1	0	1	12
T. W. Chattey	1	0	0	3
R. M. Wood	1	0	0	12
K. W. Feng	0	1	0	0
G. Pollock	0	1	0	0
D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
Chiu Ki-fan	0	1	0	7
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	8
S. L. Yuen	0	1	0	20
W. Yui	0	0	1	0
L. J. A. Felder	0	0	1	1
S. W. Tang	0	0	1	4
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	6
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
Li Shiu-fai	0	0	0	1
Lo Kwong-to	0	0	0	1
J. N. da Silva	0	0	0	1
S. W. Pan	0	0	0	2
B. A. Proulx	0	0	0	2
K. I. Ip	0	0	0	3
Chanson Feng	0	0	0	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	4
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	6
F. A. Sequelra	0	0	0	6
S. W. Lee	0	0	0	7
R. K. C. Chiu	0	0	0	11
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	13
Hoo Pak-ming	0	0	0	14
H. S. Chang	0	0	3	20

OWNERS	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	6	5	3
T. K. L.	5	4	3
Eve	4	6	0
Lan	4	5	3
Necan	3	0	0
Li Po-chun	2	0	0
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	2	0	0
Eu Tong-sen	1	3	0
Lee Bros.	1	3	0
C. C. F.	1	2	0
Marber	1	1	5
G. Tinson	1	1	1
Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen	1	1	1
Dynasty	1	1	0
Vilaja	1	0	2
P. & L.	1	0	1
Gredmaka	1	0	1
Pearstur	1	0	1
C. W. K.	1	0	0
Yeung Bros.	1	0	0
Weetoo	1	0	0
Shields & Stanton	1	0	0
Kia Ora	1	0	0
Hollandia	1	0	0
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0
C. L. Gregory	1	0	0
Lee Chi-choh	1	0	0
Kwok Yee-chun	1	0	0
Trevorton	1	0	0
Mrs. B. Hall	1	0	0
C. H.	0	2	0
Billy	0	2	0
S. W. Lee	0	1	1
S. K.	0	1	1
Kong Bros.	0	1	1
Collene	0	1	1
Lucky	0	1	1
Lee Chi-choh	0	1	0
Culture	0	1	0
Wai Shiu-pak	0	1	0
G. A. Harriman	0	1	0
Sailbad the Sailor	0	1	0
Ellandee	0	1	0
C. H. Chan	0	0	3
C. N. K.	0	0	2
W. T. Stanton	0	0	2
L. W. S.	0	0	2
Toots	0	0	2
T. & E.	0	0	2
I. L.	0	0	2
T. L.	0	0	1
Quartermaster	0	0	1
S. S.	0	0	1
Manetta	0	0	1
E. S. K.	0	0	1
Cocoa	0	0	1
Solemnly	0	0	1
Why	0	0	1
I. M. M. F.	0	0	1

Full Details Of Bout With Dorazio

FOR THE THIRD time in as many months, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, on Feb. 17, retained his title, taking only two rounds to knock Gus Dorazio out, writes Jack Cuddy from Philadelphia.

It took the Brown Bomber only four and one-half minutes of actual fighting time to crush his foe and walk out of the ring with \$20,000 richer.

A terrific right to the chin knocked out Dorazio so badly that the challenger didn't know what happened when he came to.

Fiercest Blow

The blow was probably the most vicious ever landed by Louis. It was so deadly and stunned Dorazio so quickly that the challenger said he actually didn't know that he had been hit.

The Brown Bomber walked out of the ring without a drop of perspiration on him. It was the fourteenth time that he had successfully defended his title.

Despite the murderous attack of Louis and the quick finish of the bout, the crowd of slightly more than 16,000 gave Dorazio a grand ovation.

Dorazio showed the greatest courage while he lasted, tearing into the champion in such rip-roaring fashion that he fought Louis to even terms in the opening round.

Stopped Cold

He was still bobbing and weaving and tearing in when he was stopped cold by the deadly right in the second round.

The spectators came to see a longer fight since reports had it that Louis was weakening, but the terrific force behind his blows proved the reports erroneous.

Louis, weighing 203½ pounds, was in perfect form and displayed great confidence. When he opened up in the second round there was no doubt that the bout would never last fifteen rounds.

Dorazio, ninth ranking heavyweight, tipped the scales at 193½ pounds, and attempted to set the pace. But his courage proved his undoing. He left himself too open and Louis, with his perfectly timed blows, did not allow the opportunity to slip through his fingers.

Louis Unhurt

As the challenger threw lightning punches at Louis, the Brown Bomber revealed remarkably quick slipping. Dorazio followed up in the second round, throwing a stream of blows at Louis, but without hurting Louis.

The challenger visibly felt the force of the short, hard lefts, for he slowed up for a second. And before he could recover, Louis uncorked his explosive right to the chin and Dorazio went down and was counted out.

Dorazio lashed out with a terrific left, which Louis slipped and retaliated with several lefts to the forehead.

"What Happened?"

When he was revived, Dorazio was still dizzy. His first question was "What happened? I did not know that I was hit."

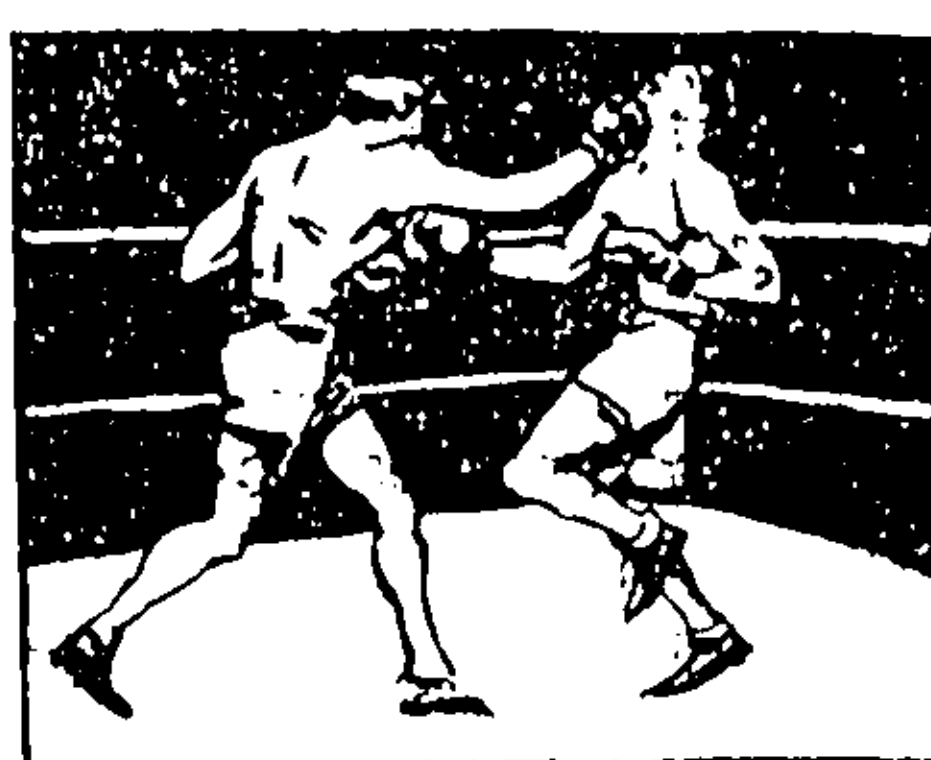
Louis, in his dressing room, told sport writers that "Dorazio was a darned good fighter. He just happened to get caught quicker than most others."

"Burman gave me a tougher fight, but I never hit him a smack like I did Dorazio. I guess tonight's punch was about as hard as I hit Paulino that time."

Louis referred to his bout with Paulino Uzcudun in New York on December 13, 1935, when he flattened the big Spaniard with what many sports scribes described as the hardest blow delivered in ring history.

The attendance broke the Philadelphia indoor record, for more than 10,000 jammed the Convention Hall. The gross gate was \$157,552, with 15,002 persons paying admission.

Louis in December stopped Al McCoy in six rounds, and knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman last month in the fifth round.



AL HOSTAK IMPOVERISHED

Al Hostak, former NBA middleweight champion, is broke. Never a major money earner, the kid nevertheless collected \$32,000 when he began to sizzle and finally reached the top.

Al was always a youngster who watched his dimes, it appeared. He set no record as a spender. He bought a small home for his parents and a small ranch.

And he lived in a most commonplace manner. He never was a type to go in for flashy dress. The outdoors was his playground.

But the \$32,000 has gone from the Hostak cash register, I am reliably informed.

And that is the chief reason the youngster, who lost his title to Tony Zale, is headed for a comeback.

Al has bad hands. They don't stand up under his power of blow, or he has never learned to hit properly.

The Hostak who lost to Zale was just another fighter. He took a terrible body battering, appeared to have lost his heart after the fifth round.

Hostak came and went fast like his money.

COLONY BADMINTON

Following is the draw for the Colony Badminton Championships which will start shortly:—

MEN'S SINGLES—SENIOR

Second Round—P. Wong v D. Kwok; M. P. Young v S. Amplavanan; P. K. Hooi; C. Au or H. C. Eardley v F. Koh; W. Gillies v K. W. Choy.

MEN'S SINGLES—JUNIOR

Second Round—H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung; J. Odell v M. Talan; A. L. Fisher v R. M. Lavallo or Peter Lee; First Round—J. L. Anderson v Ho Weng Toh; Jack Hooi v E. Zimmer; P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale; T. S. Young v J. Tsang; Second Round—N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth; E. Gillespie v A. L. Gordon; D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung.

MEN'S DOUBLES—SENIOR

Second Round—P. Wong and C. Au v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith; M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low or J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves; S. Amplavanan and C. K. Cheah v M. P. Young and Y. P. Young; C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v P. K. Hooi and H. F. Choy.

MEN'S DOUBLES—JUNIOR

First Round—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang; J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung; R. M. Lavallo and N. A. Beltrao v M. Talan and J. Odell; P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho; T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo; Bye—Peter Lo and J. Tsang.

MIXED DOUBLES

Byes—P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva; First Round—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v H. C. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley; E. Zimmer and Mrs. Zimmer v P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro; Byes—J. Odell and Miss J. Choa; S. Amplavanan and Miss T. Gonsalves v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

LEAGUE BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme:—

Chung Wah	v.	J. R. C.
V. R. C.	v.	Recrelo
St. John's	v.	Kowloon Tong
K. C. C.	v.	St. Andrew's

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CARSON ENTERS P.I. QUARTER-FINALS

Low Carson, Shanghai tennis ace, last week staged a brilliant rally to defeat Felix Ampon, Filipino star, 8-6, 7-5, in the most exciting second-round offering of the Philippine International Tennis Tournament.

The victory brings Carson into the quarter-finals, where he meets Cesar Carmoza, the Philippines No. 3 singles player.

West African Troops Enter Somaliland Port

U.S. EXPORT LICENCE SYSTEM EXTENDED

The export licensing system has been extended under a proclamation issued yesterday by President Roosevelt to beryllium and graphite electrodes. The order becomes effective immediately.

A similar proclamation, to take effect on March 10, will apply to belladonna, atropine, sole leather and belting —Reuter.

"By the capture of Moyate, which was lost by us in July last, Italian troops have also been evicted from British territory."

A British C.H.Q. communique in Cairo also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland forward of the Juba River.

On other fronts no change is reported. — Reuter.

APPRENTICE'S HIGH COURAGE ON BLAZING TANKER

The apprentice, John Lewis Jones, was on board the tanker "San Demetrio" which formed part of the convoy for which the auxiliary cruiser Jervis Bay sacrificed herself last November.

Jones took part in the hard fight that ensued to subdue the flame, and then volunteered to enter the gas-filled pump room in order to re-start the machinery.

A number of the other members of the boarding party have also received awards. — *Reuter*.

ROOSEVELT INSISTS ON ALL AID

The President added, however, that it was obvious that any amendment designed to change the policy of the Government or the request of the Government to give Britain all aid short of war, was undesirable.—*Reuter.*

FIRST JOB: WIN WAR

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has no ideas which Mr. Winant may take to London concerning the kind of peace which could be established after the war.

Making this statement at yesterday's press conference the President added that the first job was to win the war.—Reuter.

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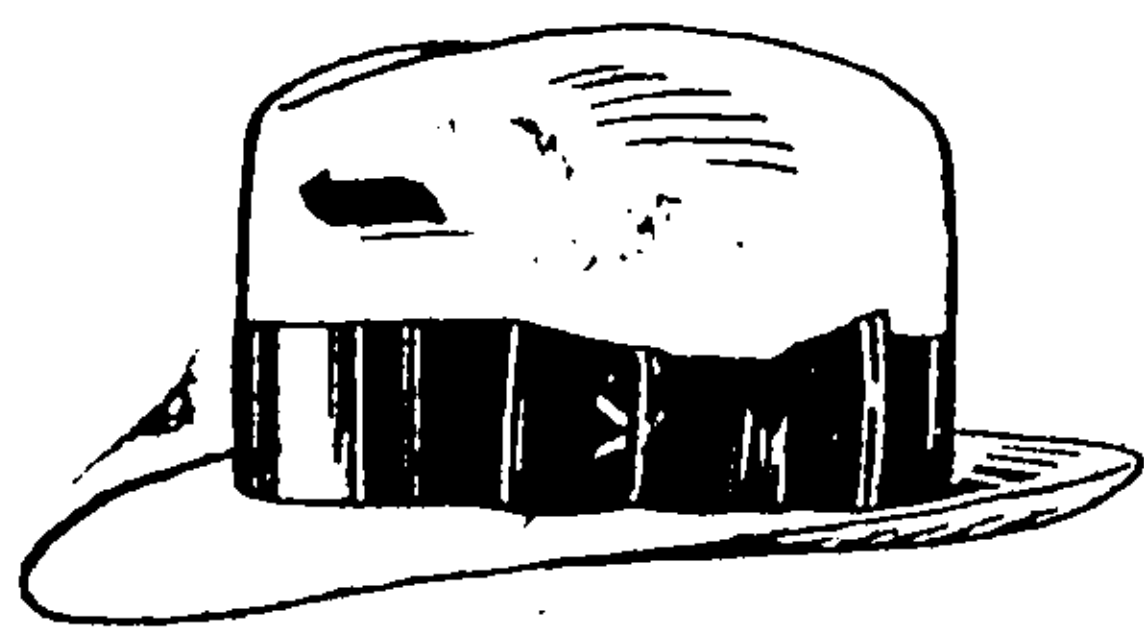
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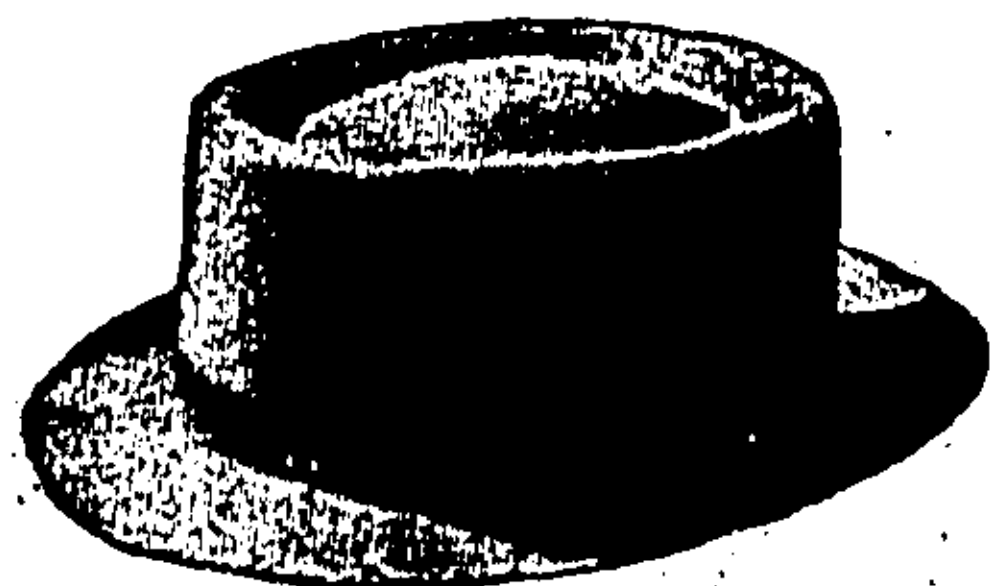
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SHARP AIR CLASHES ALONG THE CHANNEL

NAZIS READY TO MARCH

Although the Germans are believed to have made preparations down to the most minute detail to attack Greece through Bulgaria, observers in Sofia think they may hold their hand for a few days in the hope of news of Italian successes in Albania.

THE WEATHER, HOWEVER, IS UNFAVOURABLE FOR A GERMAN MOVE. FREQUENT RAINSTORMS HAVE LEFT ROADS UNSUITABLE FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC. — REUTER.

Big Offensive Sweep By R.A.F.

TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED AND SEVERAL OTHERS DAMAGED DURING AN OFFENSIVE SWEEP OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS.

One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement.

Shipping off the French coast was attacked.

While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk, one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmidt 109's and damaged another.

They saw a formation of Messerschmidts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked.

One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed immediately and a general dog-fight broke out at various heights. — REUTER.

Italian Losses In Albania

Italian losses in Albania since the outbreak of hostilities total 122,000.

An Italian lieutenant-colonel recently captured gave this figure to the newspaper "Hellenikon Mellon," reports the London "Daily Telegraph" special correspondent at Athens.

The total was made up, said the colonel, of 27,000 killed, 66,000 wounded and 29,000 missing.

20,000 Prisoners

Italian prisoners in Greek hands total 20,000, including 551 officers, Athens radio announced last night.

Only 28 officers and 497 other ranks were sick or wounded when captured and were being cared for in Greek hospitals. — REUTER.

JAPAN'S NEW POLICY FOR THAI

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON A NEW POLICY FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THAILAND.

The Overseas Minister, Kiyoshi Skita, announced this yesterday but declined to disclose the nature of the measures envisaged under the new policy. — REUTER.

FOUR ITALIAN PLANES SHOT DOWN

FOUR ITALIAN AIRCRAFT WERE BROUGHT DOWN BY GREEK FIGHTER PLANES AND A.A. GUNS ON MONDAY, SAYS A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM ATHENS LAST NIGHT.

Three other Italian planes were badly hit and it is thought unlikely they regained their bases. — REUTER.

JAPAN'S EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Japan has submitted a compromise proposal in an attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China, according to well-informed Japanese quarters in Tokyo.

These quarters indicate that the "proposal will be Japan's final offer in the current negotiations." LAND TO BE CEDED TO THAILAND SHOULD, "HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, BELONG TO THAILAND," STATE THE JAPANESE.

Domel, the Japanese official news agency, issues a warning against "interference by third powers who wish to see the Tokyo peace conference end in failure."

It adds: "The Japanese Government is keeping a close watch on the situation." — REUTER.

stomach, presumably caused by a bayonet as a result of a fight with another soldier of his regiment.

Pending investigations which are being made by the Military Authorities, the alleged assailant is under arrest.

MR. CHURCHILL'S REPLY TO "OFFER" OF MEDIATION

MR. R. A. BUTLER, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday to state the precise terms of the Japanese offer of mediation.

Mr. Butler declared: "In his recent communication to Mr. Eden, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs after referring generally to the European war, observed that Japan was fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions, not only in Greater East Asia but anywhere in the world."

"The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs in subsequent public statements (made, he has said, after consulting Germany) has indicated that his words were not to be regarded as an offer of mediation in the European war."

No Question

"In any case, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the Prime Minister that in a cause of the kind for which we are fighting—a cause in no way concerned with territory, trade or material gains but affecting the whole future of humanity—there can be no question of a compromise or parley." (Cheers). — REUTER.

liable to a fine or imprisonment for breach of the new order. The order may be varied for patients in hospitals and nursing homes. — REUTER.

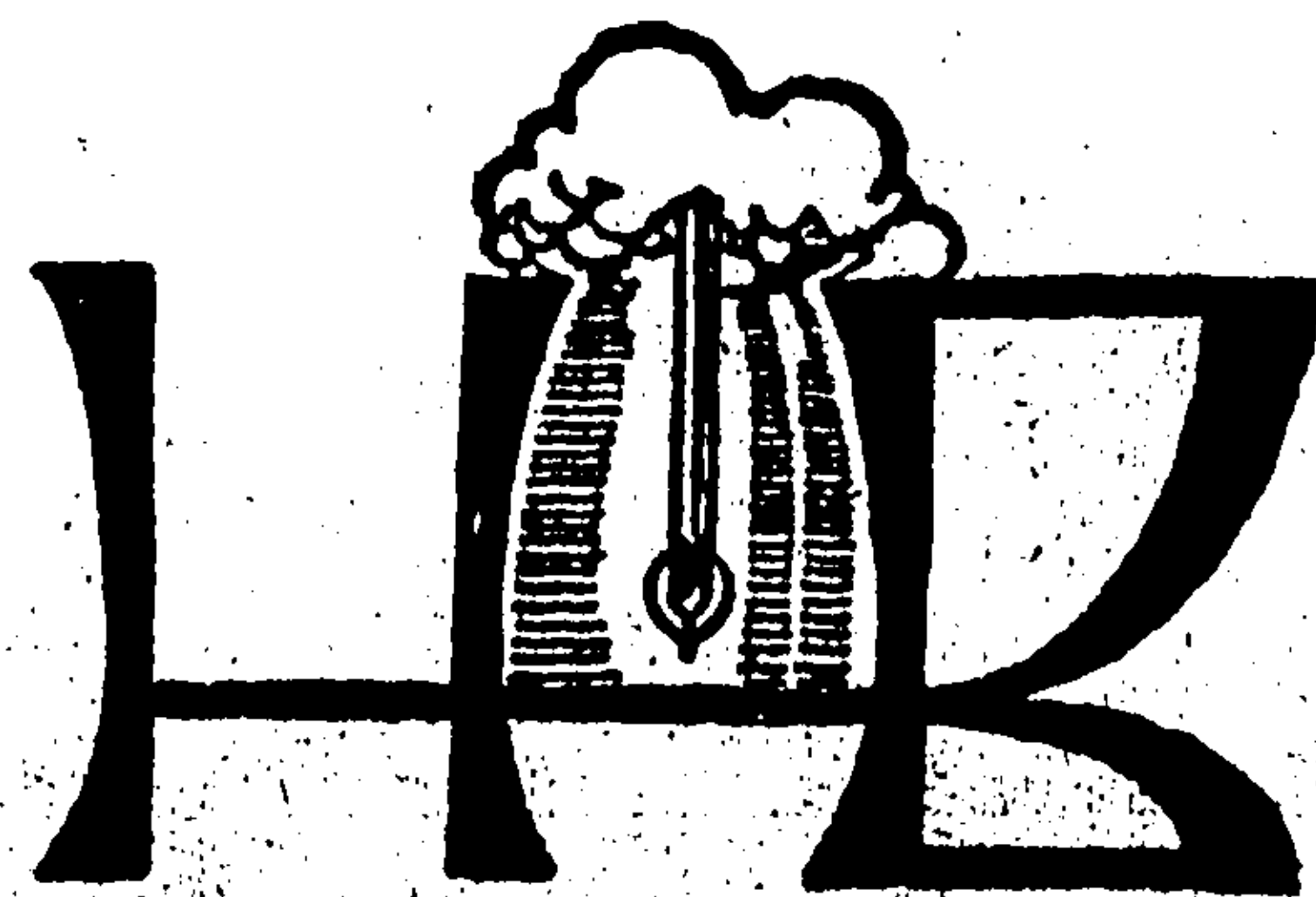
CHECK ON "SURPLUS" RATIONS

Britain's Food Controller, Lord Woolton, has come down with a heavy hand on people eating in hotels and restaurants where the food they get is additional to that allowed them under national rationing.

From March, a restaurant meal may only contain one of the following dishes—fish, meat, poultry, game, eggs and cheese. No mixture of poultry and meat or poultry and bacon will be permissible.

The celebrated English "eggs and bacon" may still go together but only one egg per meal will be permitted. Both caterer and customer are

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HIT THE HUN IN GERMANY

Still The Slogan Of Royal Air Force

Carrying The War To Enemy

"HIT THE GERMAN IN GERMANY"—LORD TRENCHARD'S SLOGAN FOR THE R.A.F. IN THE LAST WAR—IS STILL THE R.A.F.'S SLOGAN, SAID SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, THE AIR MINISTER, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"The spirit of the offensive dominates and the raiding and fighting arm are carrying the war across the Channel with offensive sweeps.

"Britain is strongly reinforcing the defences of the trade routes and our attacks on submarine bases and aerodromes, from which four-engined bombers prey on British shipping, are meeting with success."

Emphasising the determination to bomb the Germans in Germany, Sir Archibald said Britain grudged every bomb dropped in France, Belgium, Holland and Norway.

Many wrecks around the enemy's coasts testified to the usefulness of the highly dangerous and skilled work of aerial minelaying.

At the beginning of the Battle of Britain, Britain had the right to feel misgivings.

The Italian air force outnumbered the R.A.F. three or four to one but the R.A.F. was so successful that the Italian air force had never played an effective part.

Vanquished

Sir Archibald also spoke of the effective work in East Africa of South African and Rhodesian squadrons.

Since Italy's entry into the war Malta had been continually attacked from the air but the people's spirit was unshaken and R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm fighters had driven back and vanquished Germans and Italians alike.

In three gruelling days in January, when a mass German attack was launched on Malta, the enemy lost 90 dive-bombers and it was some little time before they returned. The enemy's morale was visibly affected.

The R.A.F. in Greece, with the Greek air force, had pounded the enemy.

Blows To Come

In the Italian theatre the R.A.F., Royal Australian Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm had done greater damage to German and Italian production than the enemy had done to Britain's war effort.

Sir Archibald promised the heaviest blows yet in the coming months.

"We shall see whether, during the next 12 months, bombs which destroy German factories and communications will not also shatter the faith of the German people in Adolf Hitler," he said.

The Air Ministry was devoting its energies to defeating the night bomber. No immunity from night bombing was possible and as the weather improved the Germans must be expected to resume the attacks on a greater scale than ever.

They would fail again, and no risks would be refused by pilots to make the attacks progressively more costly.

"The people of this country," he declared, "will not suffer alone. Our blows will fall faster and harder on the enemy."

Italian Losses

South African and Rhodesian squadrons had destroyed more than 1,000 Italian planes since Italy's entry into the war. This

was in addition to German planes in the same theatre.

Leaving out of account the monthly output, that was half the first-line strength with which the Italian air force entered the war.

Policy regarding Germany was to hit where it was most effective, hence Hamm was bombed 82 times, Hamburg 62, Cologne 55, Mannheim 35 and on 35 occasions the R.A.F. had ridden through winter storms and fogs to Berlin.

The British people were heartened in the blitz by the prodigies of valour and skill of British bombers, which were growing in numbers, range and power.

"DON'T FORGET THAT THEY TRAVEL THREE TIMES AS FAR TO BERLIN AND BACK AS THE GERMANS HAVE TO LONDON," SIR ARCHIBALD CONCLUDED.—REUTER.

Supreme Instrument

Sir Archibald stressed that the supreme instrument of offensive air warfare was the bomber force. "That force which gives us the principal means of hitting the Germans in Germany."

The most careful planning of the Air Staff and the most cherished operations of the Commander-in-Chief aim at the destruction in Germany of the sources of Nazi power. It is part of the blockade.

The Navy cuts off the enemy from all that comes by sea. Bomber squadrons set out to destroy stocks of munitions, oil and materials which the enemy is hoarding in his store.

And we destroy not only his stocks but his means of replenishing them—his arsenals, munitions factories and oil plants. We aim as well at the dislocation of the movements.

Must Teach Them

Docks, inland ports, canal junctions, marshalling yards and all arteries which go to nourish his war sinews have received our studied attention."

The cruelty of air bombardments was hateful. But, he added, "we never wanted war with all its horrors and destruction. The Nazis brought it on the world. They spared no horror to Coventry, Birmingham and London—and we must 'be a copy now to men of grosser blood' and teach them how to war."—British Wire-less.

VULNERABLE HEEL

Ninety-nine per cent. of the accidents on escalators are caused by the small heels of women's shoes making them tumble and fall, an official of L.P.T.B. stated at Westminster County Court.

Damned Unpleasant

The Stockholm newspaper "Handels Tidning" publishes a despatch from its correspondent in Britain saying it seems that Mussolini's speech has not made any deep impression.

The British have not been blown away by the first wind, and they stand steadily on earth.

Mr. Churchill, when he speaks, keeps to what British military power has done. Regarding the future he only holds firmly that England will win and she won't give up till that is done.

Mr. Churchill means just what he says. He does not speak about invasion or no invasion but win he will, and this

is his and the nation's irrevocable decision. They will not be talked round.

It is not to be wondered that both Hitler and Mussolini, when they speak of Mr. Churchill and his people, seem irritated. As an enemy they are damned unpleasant, as impossible to talk round as to frighten.—Reuter.

KNOX DEMANDS DICKERING HALT ON BRITISH AID

COL. FRANK KNOX, Secretary of the Navy, told the United States to forget dollars and cents in considering aid to Great Britain during the present "irreconcilable conflict," a conflict which he said must be fought to a finish and could never end in a negotiated peace.

Continual haggling over the terms of complete aid to the British, he said in an address before the Canadian Society of New York at a banquet at the Hotel Biltmore, might be damaging to the spiritual side of the nation engaged in a war "in which we are vitally concerned."

"At a time when the very fate of our kind of world hangs in the flow of material to Britain," he said, "we cannot afford to stop now and dicker and trade. We must help in material things—but also in spiritual things."

"The magnificent fighting spirit of the British, amazing to her friends and devastating to her adversaries, must be maintained. There must be no thought that while they fight for their lives in a battle so vital to us, we are thinking in terms of dollars and cents."

Secretary Knox said that Britain, in addition to placing "cash on the barrel head" for munitions and supplies already received, had paid to American manufacturers a total of \$550,000,000 in excess of the cost of the new material delivered to her. This money, he explained, was used to pay for land, buildings and equipment in the United States with which to manufacture war materials.

Urges Continuance

When funds for remaining orders now unfilled had been used up, Mr. Knox declared, Britain would be unable to pay for additional supplies.

"We can well afford, indeed, our own self-respect permits no other course, to let the future relations between the United States and Great Britain wait for a time when the war has been won, and the danger of dictatorship of the world has been destroyed," he said.

Secretary Knox referred scornfully to "the timid and thoughtless" who professed to believe that a peace could be negotiated with the Axis powers if England should fall. If the dictators were victorious in Europe and Africa, there would inevitably follow an economic and political infiltration of the sparsely settled nations of South America, which would be incapable of defending themselves, he warned.

Under such conditions, Secretary Knox prophesied that Germany would soon find a base in this hemisphere from which she could operate effectively. "Once that is accomplished," he asserted, "with the Europeans out to the Atlantic Ocean open, and

no British fleet to control them, the security now provided by the Atlantic would disappear and we would soon have, not what some of the appeasers call a 'foreign war,' but we would have a war on our own territory, with American women and children the victims of night-raiding bombers."

Draws Sombre Picture

Col. Knox said that the most significant phase of preparedness was not how many planes the United States had in hangars, on airfields and aboard carriers. A reasonable number of the present models was all that this country required, he said.

"What we do desperately need with an urgency that cannot be exaggerated," the Secretary declared, "is the capacity to turn out new models, as they are developed, in sufficient numbers to overwhelm any foe we have to meet. Helping Britain to win mastery of the air, in their present fight, helps us to accomplish this very vital thing."

Col. Knox suggested that one of the organisations sponsoring full aid for Britain might adopt the title of "A Committee to Aid Britain to Aid Us to Defend America." No more compelling duty could be placed upon the American people, he said, than the one contained in that phrase.

The 1936 Republican Vice-Presidential nominee described in a sombre and pessimistic fashion what would happen to the United States if the Axis powers conquered the rest of the world. It would mean, he said, that 80 per cent. of the world population would exist under the authoritarian rule and 20 per cent.—those peoples occupying North and South America—would still be free.

Not only would the Americas face a four-to-one numerical superiority, he continued, but they would have to engage in an almost hopeless struggle for control of the seas.

Col. Knox defined the war as a conflict over the continuation of a society based upon individual freedom of expression and religion; freedom from fear and freedom "to order our own lives after our own pattern."

TRAMWAY STRIKE THREAT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Another tramway strike in the French Concession, Shanghai, is looming in sight and may occur today.

Yesterday, tramway communications were severed for about half an hour, when the employees left the vehicles for a "brief rest."

According to the company officials, no demands have been presented and they were unable to explain the action.

Wang Chin-wei agents are believed to be agitating for another general communication strike throughout Shanghai. — Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI STUKAS SHOT DOWN

R.A.F. fighters shot down two German Dornier planes into the sea yesterday when Malta had raid warnings. A third German plane is believed to have been brought down.

According to an official communication the alerts were caused by enemy reconnaissance and fighter patrols. No bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

said slowly and pointedly, "is an irreconcilable conflict that must be fought to a finish—it cannot end in a negotiated peace. Our world cannot continue to exist with 80 per cent. of the population slaves in a system which makes the state supreme, and 20 per cent. of the population which insists that the rights of the individual are superior to the rights of the state."

"Either a world will emerge in which the state is all in all, to which every individual right is subordinate, or out of this struggle will emerge a world which recognises the individual as supreme and the state a servant of the citizens who compose it."

In another of his sharp thrusts at isolationists, he said that to assume that this nation would be free from the danger of invasion, with Britain supine was to be guilty "of the most colossal and inexcusable deception." He implied that such an invasion would come whenever conquering Germany felt the time was ripe "to garner the loot of the greatest treasure house in the world."

Referring again to the flow of war materials to the British, Col. Knox praised President Roosevelt's suggestion that the dollar sign be eliminated in reference to British aid as one of the most courageous and statesmanlike proposals in American history. He gave full support to the President's suggestion that this nation lend to the British, subject to future adjustment, the vital things needed to successfully continue the war.

Invasion At Dozen Points Like Tentacles Of Octopus

PLAN FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

Every householder in Britain will receive free compensation from Government up to £200 for air raid damage to clothing, furniture and other household goods under a new Government free insurance scheme outlined by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the Commons yesterday.

Up to another £100 free compensation will be paid for a wife and £25 for each child.

In addition to these free grants it is proposed that people should be able to insure at low rates, namely one per cent, up to £2,000, at 1½ per cent from £2,000 to £3,000, and at 2 per cent from £3,000 to £10,000.

Those living in hotels and lodgings will get free compensation up to £50. Details of the scheme will be laid before Parliament, Reuter.

NO GOODS ALLOWED TO ROMANIA

All outstanding navicerts and export licences for Rumania were revoked when Italy entered the war, declared Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, when questioned in the Commons yesterday.

At this time, he added, Rumania was already passing under German economic control. No goods had, therefore, been allowed to go through the British control to Rumania since last June.

Asked for an assurance that similar treatment would be meted out to other countries likely to be drawn into the German orbit, Mr. Dalton indicated that the Rumanian precedent might usefully be followed.—Reuter.

THIS IS JUST CRACKERS

Johnnie Schofield, musical-comedy, panto and film comedian, is now a voluntary deputy post warden in London and a very busy man.

For when he isn't being a warden, he runs a newspaper shop, selling papers and cigarettes.

At night he fights bombs. Two nights ago the bombs blasted every pane of glass in his shop window.

Recently, just as he was hammering pieces of cardboard where the windows once were, he received a letter... and he is still laughing.

It was from a firework company.

It was headed "Indoor Fireworks"—and it offered him "all lines in Joy Bombs, Indoor Fireworks, Fairyland Fruit, etc., until stock is exhausted."

Johnnie gets all the fireworks he wants outside.

British Forces Thrusting Into Heart Of Abyssinia

GENERAL ELECTION IN ROMANIA

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, announced yesterday that a general election will be held in Rumania on March 2, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German news agency. Reuter.

INDO-CHINA FINANCE CONTROL

AT QUESTION TIME IN THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF STATE YESTERDAY GOVERNMENT STATED THAT REMITTANCES FROM INDO-CHINA TO INDIA WERE NOT BEING ALLOWED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDO-CHINA.

Government would ascertain the exact position in the matter of remittances and would take steps to remove any difficulties that might exist.

Regarding the general position of Indians the spokesman said no special representations had been received suggesting the necessity for the issue of special instructions by the British consul in Saigon.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN AND C.I.G.S. IN ANKARA

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, WILL HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. SARAJOGU, IN ANKARA TODAY, WHILE GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF, WILL SEE MARSHAL CHAKMAK, CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF.

Mr. Eden and General Dill arrived by air at Adana yesterday and left almost immediately by special train for the Turkish capital, where they are due to-day.—Reuter.

FIRST JOB: WIN WAR

MR. JOHN G. WINANT, NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, HAS RESERVED A SEAT ON THE CLIPPER SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR LISBON TO-MORROW, PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has no ideas which Mr. Winant may take to London concerning the kind of peace which could be established after the war.

Making this statement at yesterday's press conference the President added that the first job was to win the war.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Khartoum)

WITH THE TENTACLES OF THE BRITISH FORCES THRUSTING LIKE AN OCTOPUS EVER DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF ABYSSINIA, IT APPEARS THAT THE TEMPO OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS LIKELY TO INCREASE AS THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S FORCES FIND THEMSELVES IMPERILLED AT ONE POINT AFTER ANOTHER.

Thrusts into Abyssinia are now being made at more than 12 different points simultaneously, from north, south and west, while growing numbers of Abyssinians, hearing news of the Emperor's installation in his own territory, are rallying to the patriot forces.

In addition, Italian regulars are themselves increasingly deserting as a result of the intensive British attacks coupled with appeals made by means of pamphlets, loudspeakers etc.

The intensity of our effective pamphlet campaign can be judged by the fact that in a recent period of four weeks, 750,000 have been distributed in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

The Italians have abandoned the threat to shoot men found carrying British pamphlets as impracticable and have instituted periodical "search parades."

Prisoners Taken

A whole battalion was lined up and searched for pamphlets but many prisoners we have taken we found still carrying our pamphlets in their pockets.

The force of the British thrust has been materially strengthened in recent days by the provision of well-organised supply lines, bringing through mountainous country such necessities as ammunition, medical supplies and food.

There is also the growing strength of our Air Force.

The technique of surrounding and cutting off Italian forces, already so successful in Libya, is being applied at a number of points besides Keren, although the difficult nature of the country hampers the swift employment of mechanised forces at several points.

Attacking In Rear

In many cases enveloping movements are being carried out by infantry clambering through rugged mountains and destroying roads and bridges and attacking the Italians from the rear.

Apart from retreating outposts, the main body of the Italians, so far as any line can be said to exist, appears to run approximately from Keren, where the cream of the white forces is being employed in an attempt to hold that town at all costs, southwards to Lake Tana and then to Debra, Marcos and Addis Ababa.—Reuter.

AN UNEQUIVOCAL NEGATIVE

ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY TO ACCORD A SECRET DEBATE ON THE BASES LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES, THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, GAVE AN UNEQUIVOCAL "NO" AND ADDED THAT MR. CHURCHILL HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEDING TO SUCH A REQUEST—A STATEMENT WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH CHEERS.—REUTER.

BANDIT COUP IN PARIS

FIRING IN ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE CROWDED HEART OF PARIS, BANDITS ESCAPED YESTERDAY WITH 3,700,000 FRANCS AFTER HOLDING UP THREE BANK MESSENGERS WHO WERE TAKING A HAND CART CONTAINING THE MONEY TO THE BANQUE DE FRANCE.

Suddenly attacked by the armed bandits one messenger was shot dead and another wounded.

Failing to open the hand cart the bandits hitched it to the rear of their car and, towing the hand cart with its contents, made a clean getaway.—Reuter.

U.S. BASES APPROVED

The U.S. Senate Naval Affairs Commission has approved the authorisation of a credit amounting to \$242,373,500 for improvements on the islands of Guam and Samoa.

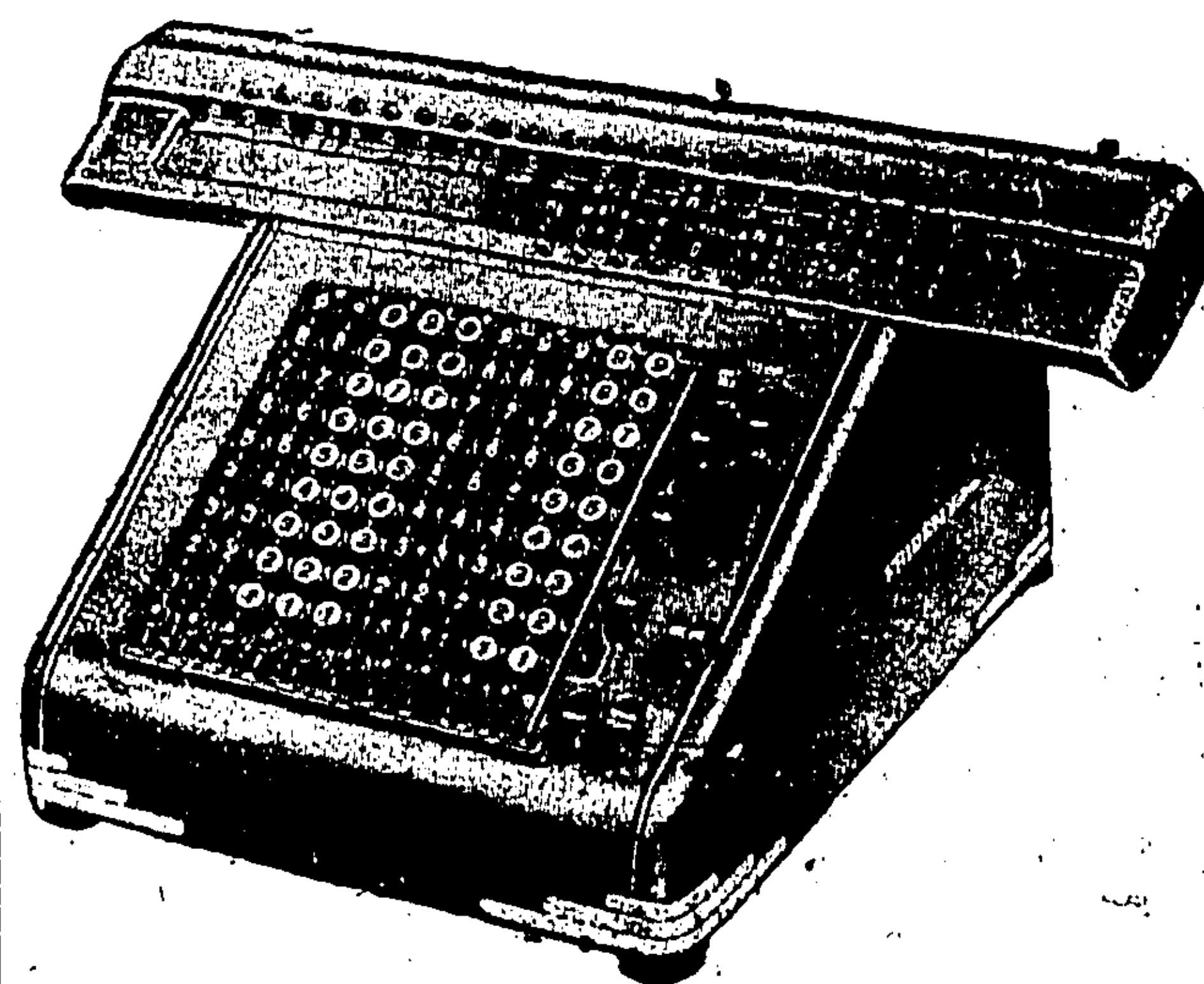
The naval spokesman, Admiral Morrell, declared in Washington yesterday that these and improvements to a number of the bases leased from Britain, were "absolutely vital to the defence of the United States." — Reuter.

INDIAN WAR SUPPLY ORDERS

Orders valued at approximately £61,000,000 were placed by the Government of India Supply Department between Sept. 1, 1939 and January 15, 1941, it was announced in the Council of State yesterday.—Reuter.

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CLAIMS OF GERMAN HIGH COMMAND DISPOSED OF

THE CLAIM OF THE German High Command that a German raider has sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons in convoy, is disposed of by the Admiralty announcement that merchant shipping losses for the week ended Feb. 16 were 12 ships in all, representing a gross tonnage of 37,636 tons.

Eleven were British, of 32,464 tons, and one Allied, of 5,172 tons.

These losses include five vessels—four British and one Allied—totalling 23,986 tons, known to have been sunk by a raider which attacked a convoy off the Azores on Feb. 12.

The German claim for this week totalled 185,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk.

It is stated there was nothing resembling the truth in Hitler's claim to have sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in the last few days.

Usual Practice

Details of the Admiralty communiqué show that 10 of 19 ships in convoy attacked by a Nazi surface raider off the Azores on Feb. 12 are known to be safe. Four others are not yet overdue.

"Following its usual practice of making announcements and claims before there has been an opportunity to check the facts," states the Admiralty communiqué, "the German High Command announced that in this attack the raider had sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons."

The four ships—three British and one Allied—not yet overdue total 19,698 tons.—Reuter.

SEPTEMBER WILL BE DECISIVE

September will be the decisive month, said Sir Walter Citrine, British Trade Union leader, broadcasting from London last night.

Sir Walter, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the United States, said that by September British and United States production of aircraft would exceed German production.

The American aircraft industry, he added, is expanding at an incredible rate.

Last July 78,000 men were employed in American aircraft factories and at the present moment 250,000 were employed.

By next June the number would have expanded to 500,000.

No Hesitation

The American people, Sir Walter declared, were deeply impressed with the justice of the British cause.

There was no hesitation or doubt about whether the British were right in resisting Nazi aggression.—Reuter.

Sir Walter said he told the American people that the British people were not built in heroic mould but were "just common ordinary people trying to meet a great emergency with the courage and fortitude it demanded."

America, he said, was determined to help with all methods to prosecute the war in which Britain was involved.—British Wireless.

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BRITISH EXPORTS TO JAPAN

Lord Lyttleton, President of the Board of Trade, was questioned in Parliament yesterday on British exports to Japan in the last 12 months.

Lord Lyttleton declared that during the period of the war no licences had been issued for exports from Great Britain to Japan of war materials as such.—Reuter.

SOVIET DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

A heavy increase in defence expenditure was announced by the Finance Commissar, M. Overev, to the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R. Parliament last night.

The estimates amount to 70,900,000,000 compared with 57,000,000,000 last year and just under 41,000,000,000 in 1939.—Reuter.

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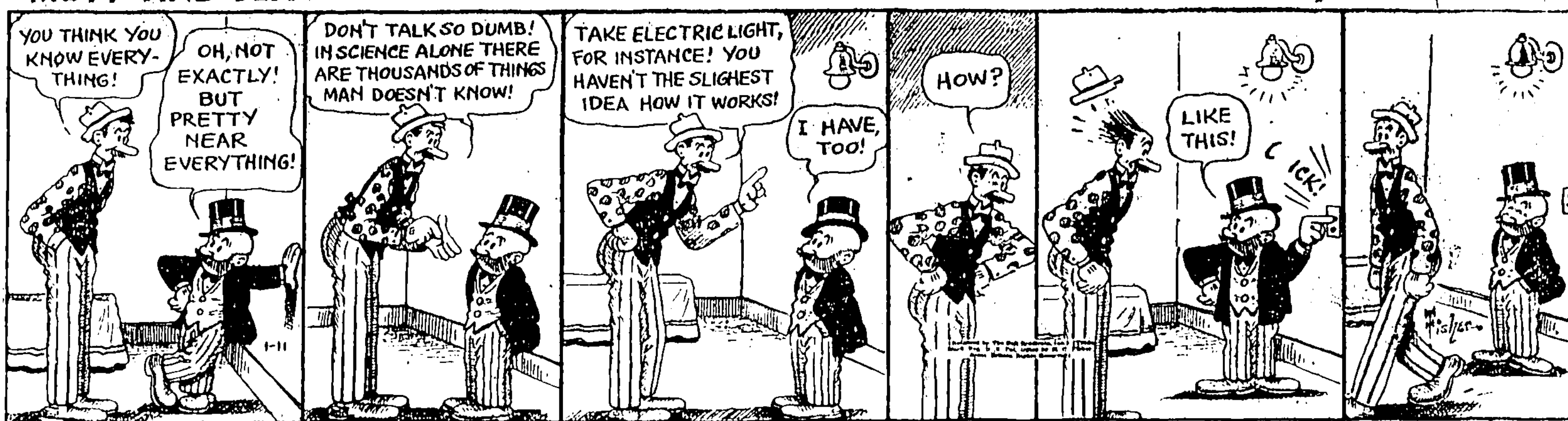
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By BUD FISHER

TERRORISTS AMOK IN SHANGHAI

POLITICAL TERRORISTS ran amok in Shanghai yesterday as three Japanese and one Chinese were shot in the course of three attacks.

The first attack was staged by two Chinese gunmen at 2 p.m. in Hongkew, when Private Toda, of the Medical Corps, was shot and killed instantly, while Corporal Ishii was seriously wounded in the chest.

GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

Gifts for aircraft purchase from India and South Africa are among those acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

The people of Orissa, India, have sent £5,000 increasing their total gifts to £20,000.

From Transkeian Territory, Cape Province, South Africa, comes a further gift of £3,200.

The Norwegian Planes Fund formed by Norwegians in South Africa and South Africans of Norwegian descent has reached a total of £14,000, which is to be forwarded to Lord Beaverbrook.

—British Wireless.

One of the two gunmen was wounded and captured by Japanese naval sentries.

Six hours later, in the same district, a lone Chinese gunman fired two shots at a Japanese naval officer, who is believed to have been wounded.

A third attack was staged at 9 p.m. in the western area when another lone Chinese gunman critically wounded Wang Yung, said to be an official of the Japanese-sponsored City Government Police.

Barricades were established late last night by Japanese bluejackets near the scene of the Hongkew shootings, disrupting all traffic. All bridges, however, are now open, though vehicular and pedestrian traffic is being held up by searchers. Reuter.

THIS STRANGE WORLD

There are 2,976 languages spoken throughout the world. This is seen as one of the major obstacles in the way of creating real brotherhood between the nations.

Both in Britain and the United States of America a movement has started for bringing about the political union of the English-speaking peoples. One name suggested for the proposed super-state is United States of Brit-America.

The sun gives 400,000 times as much light as the moon.

The world's first mechanical dog, Sparko, was holding up the crowds at the New York World's Fair recently. He wagged his tail, trotted backwards and forwards, sat down, sat up, begged, growled, barked, but never ate or drank a thing. Sparko is aluminium coated, has a tinsel of electric wires for a brain, and more than half a mile in his nervous system.

Large Chinese moths have a wingspan of nine inches.

A flash of lightning may be as brief as one ten-millionth of a second.

Pilots of bombing planes who have to bale out at altitudes of thirty-five thousand feet can be saved from dying of lack of oxygen on the way down to the ground by a new American device. The apparatus is a pocket-sized tube containing just enough oxygen to keep pilot alive until he reaches an altitude low enough to breathe in.

World's Largest Bell

Bell-bottom trousers are worn by sailors because they can easily be rolled up when the seaman wades in water or scrubs the decks.

The world's largest bell is the 198-ton Great Bell in Moscow's Kremlin. Although it was manufactured for the belfry in Ivan the Great Cathedral it has never been raised from the ground outside the cathedral.

When you see a film villain hurled through a window, do not fear that he may have injured himself from jagged glass; the property man prepared the glass-like pane from sugar.

You are insulting a person in a manner neither you nor he realises when you call him a card. The word is a shortening of the word "cadaver," meaning a dead body.

"Daisy" is a corruption of the words "day's eye" a name given to the flower because it partially closes at night.

Apart from general physical fitness, the eye sight of air force pilots must be first class with correct colour vision and muscle balance. Identification of signals depends on colour vision, while ocular balance is vital to safe landings.

In a Midland city a new system of black-out traffic control has been introduced. Officers with the illuminated word "Police" plainly visible on their helmets, control the busiest crossings of the city. Current for illuminating the helmet sign is supplied by a small dry battery that is compactly carried in the officers' pockets.

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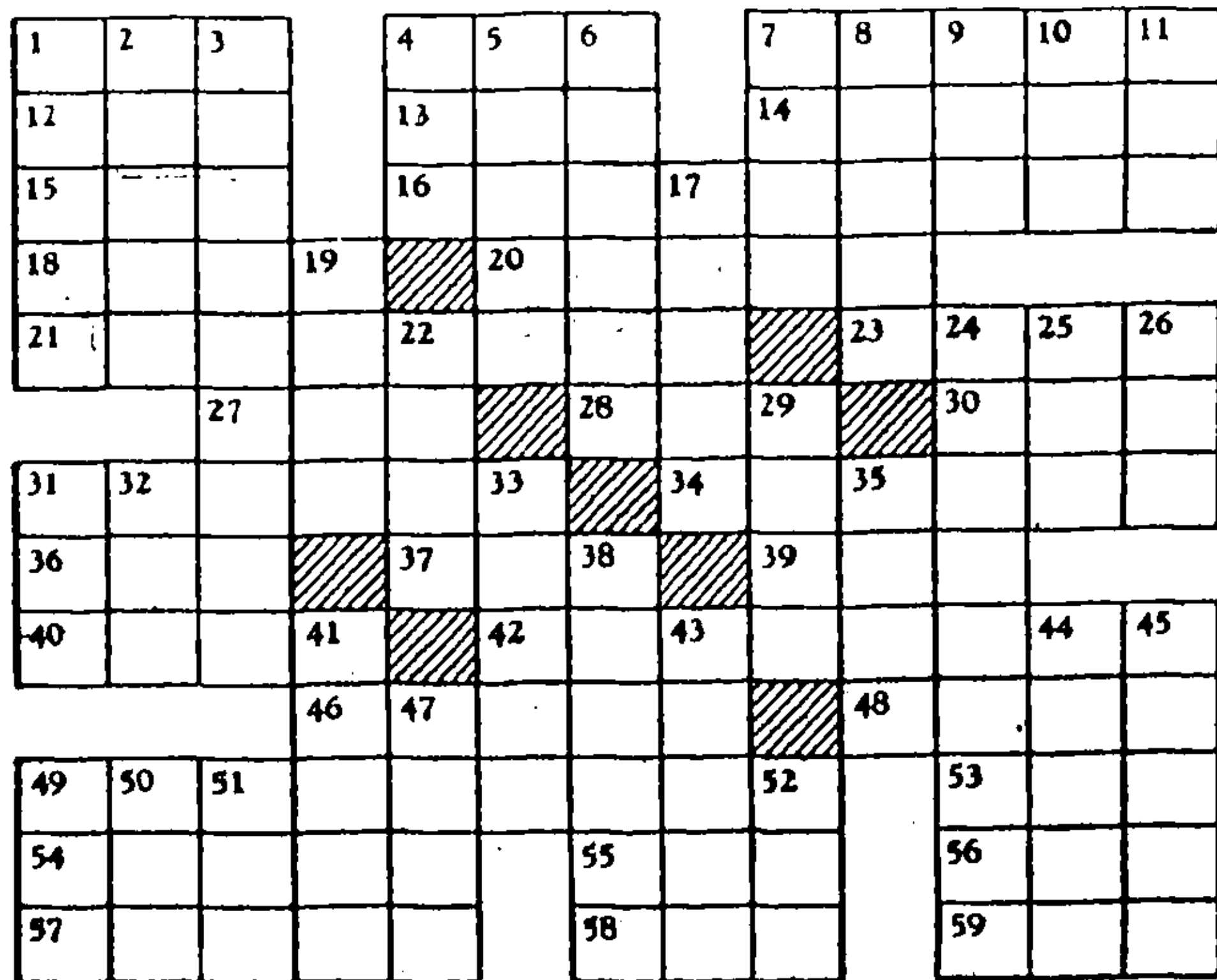
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- 23 Imitation
- 26 Argument
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- 28 Lamprey
- 31 Head of a convent
- 34 To disprove
- 36 Split pulse
- 37 Greek letter
- 39 Force
- 40 War god
- 42 Consecrated
- 46 Harbours
- 48 To venture
- 49 Government in S. E. Russia
- 53 Mountain pass

- 54 Frozen rain
- 55 To piece out
- 56 Holland commune
- 57 Circuit courts
- 58 Tangle
- 59 Roman bronze

VERTICAL

- 1 Norse god
- 2 Prostrate
- 3 Tame
- 4 Ember
- 5 Outline
- 6 Fibula
- 7 Son of Adam

- 8 Croquet
- 9 Greek letter
- 10 High priest
- 11 The American linden
- 17 Measure of capacity
- 19 To employ
- 22 Instance
- 24 Genus of shelled arthropods
- 25 Warm
- 26 To be obliged to
- 29 Son of Jacob
- 31 Girl's name
- 32 To prohibit
- 33 Utterly
- 35 To discover
- 38 Triumphal song
- 41 Gay frolic
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GERMANS' 4-1 SUPERIORITY IN THE AIR

IN THE SECOND battle of Britain, now not many weeks ahead, air power is confidently expected to be the deciding factor. In an important recent interview, Gen. George C. Marshall gave his opinion that Britain would win through. Simultaneously, however, War Department authorities volunteered figures on British and German air power, crediting Germany with 36,000 planes strength, which seemed flatly to contradict the chief of staff.

The explanation of this curious episode is very simple. Although accurate in themselves, the War Department's air power figures misrepresented the situation, largely by the omission of several vital factors.

The question of the actual size of the German air force is sharply disputed between the American and British authorities. An Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, who is probably the most optimistic of the high British air officers, maintains that Adolf Hitler flung every usable plane against the British last September. If Dowding is even partly correct, the size of the German force has been grossly exaggerated.

American authorities, however, dispute Dowding's content on. It is positively known that four months after the fall of Oslo the Germans had managed to complete enormous military works in Norway. On such a time schedule, they should have been ready in France by the date of the terrible September attacks on London. Yet American experts believe that they failed to prepare sufficient air fields or bring up enough supplies to permit the kind of all-out onslaught Dowding thinks took place.

United States Take Gloomy Side

Because of the even greater uncertainty of other kinds of computation, the American military intelligence has preferred to base its estimates of the German force on past German production performance and such current information on production as can be scratched up. While the British think that 2,500 planes a month is the outside German output, 3,500 planes monthly is the total accepted here. Using this total, and frankly trying to err on the side of gloom, our military intelligence has reached the conclusion that Germany now has a fighting organization of 18,000 planes, with an equivalent number in reserve. The figure of 36,000 was obtained by adding the reserves to the first line planes, but reserves, broadly speaking, are a sign of military health rather than strength. The size of the fighting organization is what counts in combat. In any case, in view of the consistent accuracy of the military intelligence, its figures deserve general acceptance until proved wrong.

So much for the first false impression. The second, and more serious, was created by the guess that the German British strength ratio is four to one. In a question of relative strengths, it is necessary to decide first what sort of strength is being discussed. And this, unfortunately, was not done.

Advantages Of Germany

The layman might suppose, when the War Department says Germany's striking strength is four times Britain's, that Britain has an air force only a quarter the size of Germany's. Actually, however, numerical strength was not what the War Department authorities were talking about. They achieved their strength ratio by estimating the numbers of British and German bombing planes and then correcting the straight statistical evidence by allowing for such factors as distances from bases to targets and target dispersal.

The German bases along the Channel are near Britain's industrial centres, while German centres are far from British air fields. Britain's industry is heavily concentrated and Germany's widely dispersed. Thus the distance and

accessibility factors are tremendously advantageous to Germany. Last summer, certain of the experts actually held that this advantage alone was sufficient to multiply German striking strength by three.

While these experts are now thought to have gone too far, two points must be remembered if the four-to-one ratio is to be understood. First, it applies only to striking strength. Britain's defensive strength in pursuit planes is still far greater than her strength in bombers, while Germany has favoured bombers above pursuits. Germany may be able to hit Britain four times as hard as Britain can hit Germany, but that by no means insures German success against the British defence. And second, last summer the ratio of striking strength was even worse than it is now. A good many authorities guessed it as high as nine to one. Yet Britain got through September, battered but still in the ring.

Possible Conclusions

Summing up the air situation is difficult, since expert testimony conflicts at almost every point. Yet it may be very roughly summed up as follows:

The British believe they are much stronger in relation to the Germans than they were when they repelled the September attack. Most American experts admit they are at least somewhat stronger. Thus they should logically be virtually certain to repel the new attack this summer. They are not, however. The Germans, by building additional bases, have prepared to put more of their total strength in the air at once. They probably have improved weapons, such as the new pursuit ship mentioned by the War Department.

Various signs, such as the huge Axis purchases of mercury, essential in making chlorine, suggest they are preparing to use gas. In short, there are too many uncertainties about detail to permit certainty about the outcome.

On the other hand, although the uncertainties sound cruelly ominous as listed, there is no reason to despair. Probably the wisest approach is that of an extremely able officer, who remarked recently: "The betting's about even on the fight that's coming, but because of past performance I'd like to lay my money on the British."

VICHY CABINET

An official list of the re-organised Vichy Government was published yesterday.

Under Marshal Petain there are five members with the rank of Minister:—

Admiral Darlan, Vice-President as well as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Marine.

General Huntziger, War Minister.

M. Joseph Bartholemy, Minister of Justice.

M. Bouthiller, National Economy and Finance.

M. Caziot, Minister of Agriculture.

General Bergeret is Secretary for Air, acting under Admiral Darlan.

Government departments have

S.P.C. WORK FOR POOR

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, it was reported that \$4,234 was collected on the Flag Day organised by the Women's Auxiliary.

News cases treated at the Society's centres in January totalled 225, involving 308 children, while the cases under supervision totalled 1672.

A very successful party for poor children was held in the Majestic Theatre on 25th January, at which over 800 were entertained and given small gifts. The Society is most grateful to the management of the theatre and to the Friesland Trading Co., The Wing On Co., Ltd. and The On Lok Yuen Co. The Society's Inspectors did excellent work in assisting in the organisation.

The poignant case of a blind girl of 13 years of age, who had been cruelly exploited as a street beggar for some months, was reported. The Committee decided to place the child in the Italian Convent where she will be cared for and receive suitable instruction.

The cases of three boys, whose fathers are dead, were also considered. Their ages range from 11 to 13 years, and it was agreed that the matter be discussed with the St. Louis Industrial School, for entry, if possible, into that institution in order that the boys may be taught a trade.

Many children are maintained by the Society at various homes and institutions, and the need for wider public support in order that the Society's work may be extended is a very pressing one.

It was unanimously agreed that an invitation be sent to Dr. G. Graham Cumming to join the Executive Committee.

FOR FINAL VICTORY

A MESSAGE IS TO BE SENT TO MR. CHURCHILL EXPRESSING THE ADMIRATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND VOICING HOPES OF FINAL VICTORY, SAYS THE "CHINESE-AMERICAN DAILY NEWS," CHINESE-LANGUAGE DAILY IN SHANGHAI.

Hundreds of Chinese sympathisers to the British cause are responding to the newspaper's appeal for signatures to the message, which states: "The Chinese people, under the national leadership of General Chiang Kai-shek, will not lay down arms until they have beaten Japan to her knees." —Reuter.

ITALY IMPERILS NAZI CIGARETTE SUPPLIES

One result of Mussolini's great gamble in Greece is that the Germans are likely to go without cigarettes next year.

A British traveller stated on his return to Athens from Salonika that German agents in Salonika are frantic with anxiety about the fate of five million pounds' worth of tobacco stocks which are exposed to the danger of Italian bombing or non-delivery to Germany.

Frenzied efforts to get some of the tobacco out by rail to Bulgaria have so far been unsuccessful.

been re-grouped into 15 secretariats headed by secretaries serving under one of the five above Ministers. — Reuter.

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WHEN HITLER THREATENS

Inside Germany or outside, no one in the world expects truth from Adolf Hitler. For eight years he has wielded absolute power over a people whose voice is submerged, as it was on Monday at the Beer Cellar by the mechanical clamour of the Party clique. In all that time there is not a single precedent to prove that he will either keep a promise or fulfill a threat. If there is any guarantee in his record, in fact, it is that the one thing he will not do is the thing he says he will do. For eight years he has been the sole and uncontradicted spokesman for Germany — and to-day the word of Germany is worthless.

Thus when Hitler proclaims in a loud voice, it is as if he had not spoken. When he warns that "every ship that comes within range of our torpedoes will be torpedoed," his warning will have no influence on the decisions the American Congress is now debating. There is nothing new or startling in this threat: the danger that American ships would be sunk if used either to deliver war materials or to convoy shipments to Britain was present in the American mind long before the discussion of the lend-lease bill. Hitler completely misunderstands British psychology if he imagines that this kind of talk will frighten us.

Nobody expects consistency from Hitler. Otherwise even the selected lot of cheer-leaders in the Beer Cellar might wonder as they clapped wildly at the announcement that with the Spring Herr Hitler's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of shove. Though they may wonder why he trusts to providence and not to his own right arm. It is interesting too that he admitted it would be a trial of strength. As far as they have known until now, the Germans were fighting the obsolete democratic system, rotten to the core. He can blame no one but himself if his warnings have as little meaning as his assurances.

The Decisive Year

By
Gilbert Murray

In trying to compare the present situation with that in September, 1939, one is struck by three large and obvious facts, no one of which has produced the consequences which might have been expected. The overthrow of a government with a huge and apparently unshakable majority in the House of Commons and the instalment as Prime Minister of a private member who was the leader of no party and had scarcely even a firm group behind him, instead of producing violent conflicts and convulsions, has led to universal satisfaction and national unity. A year of almost unmitigated reverses, including one disaster which the world in general considered absolutely fatal to our cause, instead of discouraging Great Britain, has left the nation more confident and full of fight than ever. And, so far as I can judge, the increased sufferings of the population under the brutalities of "totalitarian war," so far from engendering any faltering of resolve or any wild excesses of passion, has merely left our town populations, as the Prime Minister puts it, "grim and gay."

As for the change in the government, from the time when Mr. Churchill became leader of the nation he has shown new qualities of greatness which he had perhaps had no opportunity of showing before. He is far more than a great fighter, and the country irrespective of party feels it. England delights in his dogged courage and feels his frank good fellowship; it enjoys his majestic oratory, and is proud of his magnanimity. He is just the man to win again for England the testimonial which Napoleon gave her, "the most consistent, the most implacable and the most generous of my enemies."

As for the war itself, the effect of the Petain collapse everywhere but in England was catastrophic. The only anti-German army in Europe had surrendered. The land of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity had abandoned its principles and adopted fascism. There was no opposition to Hitler left, either material or intellectual. For England to continue fighting seemed mere folly, and criminal folly at that. Of course Europe as a whole thinks in terms of land armies and has never understood sea power. "The English Channel an obstacle," said an intelligent Swiss observer; "Twenty miles of water not half the length of the Lake of Geneva; a motor boat can cross it in half an hour." It is important for us to realise this condition of opinion in Europe. To win again any sort of confidence in our power to conquer, or even to resist Hitler, we had to start absolutely from zero.

Meantime on us ourselves the effect of these events had been quite different. No doubt the shock was terrific, the immediate danger serious, our relations with our one great ally shattered. Yet we ourselves had never been conscious of defeat. No doubt we had made a muddle in Norway, and the destruction of our allies had compelled us to retreat in Flanders, but we had always held our own in the actual fighting. Our

closer and closer cooperation with us both in material help and in political sympathy. The Canadian-American Alliance, the Anglo-American naval bases, the fifty destroyers and the host of volunteers, represent a diplomatic gain which more than outweighs the almost unrelieved ill-success of our diplomacy in Europe.

Meantime the new Axis Pact has done much to clarify the meaning of the whole conflict. A predatory bargain between three lawless aggressors to conquer three continents and divide the spoil inevitably makes the rest of the world their enemy. Not because we are Capitalists, or Conservatives, or Democrats, or Socialists or Liberal Idealists or even Christians; not because of any particular creed or prejudice or "ideology," but simply because we are human beings. We do not want to be conquered, robbed of our possessions, privileges, liberties, of all that we value most among the slow achievements of civilisation. Besides, the present aggressors have not merely shown the ordinary and inevitable vices of aggressive powers. They have made a religion of their aggressiveness. They have ransacked history for crimes and inhumanities which they can quote as precedents. They have developed to its logical extreme the theory of totalitarian war. Conquest is the supreme purpose. War the supreme method.

It seems to me little better than triviality to say that we are fighting for any of the conflicting -isms or for "New Order" or an Economic Revolution or the like. We shall have no doubt to create a New Order, but we did not go to war for any such purpose. We went to war to save ourselves and the rest of the civilised world from the triumph of organised crime, and we are fighting now for everything that man holds sacred.

But can we in any case save it? "One more war in the west," said a recent Prime Minister, "and the civilisation of ages will fall with as great a crash as that of Rome." Is that proving true? Or, as another Prime Minister is said to have commented, do we find that "it could stand one or two, anyhow"? Let us try to face this problem coldly. The loss of life, as far as numbers go, is easily repaired. Within quite a few years after the last war, which was followed by a still more destructive pestilence, the population of the world was higher than in 1914. In quality the case is not so plain; to some extent war picks out in each country the brave and the strong. This war is picking out the most civilised races.

The economic and financial losses will be gigantic but, again, can be easily repaired. A war after all can only destroy the harvest of one year. Flocks and herds replenish themselves. As for capital goods, the manufacturing power

of the world has long been greater than it can use; if we could imagine it used according to some reasonably public-spirited plan, without nationalistic maladjustments, it could in very few years make the wealth of the human race far greater than it has ever been. Nevertheless, the period of disorder and impoverishment which is sure to intervene will bring great dangers. It may lead to ruinous revolutions. It may, even without that, produce an equally deadly result, the destruction of the cultured Middle Class, on whom so much of the moral and intellectual guidance of a nation depends. It is the ruin of that class in Germany which made the brutalities of the Nazis possible.

Again, the prospect of economic recovery depends absolutely on the wisdom of economic policy in nations which have not been remarkable for it of late, especially Great Britain, the Dominions, and the United States. Every economist knows that to avoid ruin, they must learn both to plan and to cooperate, with some degree of unselfish public spirit. The war will drive the lesson home, but may at the same time exasperate passions which will paralyse all reason. The Economic Committee of the League of Nations is, I believe, studying the problem of planning on a world scale in the interest of the whole. That is the only true way, if we have the wisdom to follow it.

Of the moral salvage it is difficult to speak, partly because of the diametrically opposite views so publicly and confidently expressed by writers of different schools. Most thoughtful people regard war as, in itself, a monstrous crime, and as leading to all sorts of moral disorder. Yet the average man in his romantic moods speaks of it as a school of heroism, of brotherhood, of self-sacrifice for an ideal. Similarly the one set of critics emphasises the miseries caused by war; the other points out the high spirits of the men in khaki, and note how often some fierce and mortal combat in the clouds is described by the victor as "the happiest moment in my life."

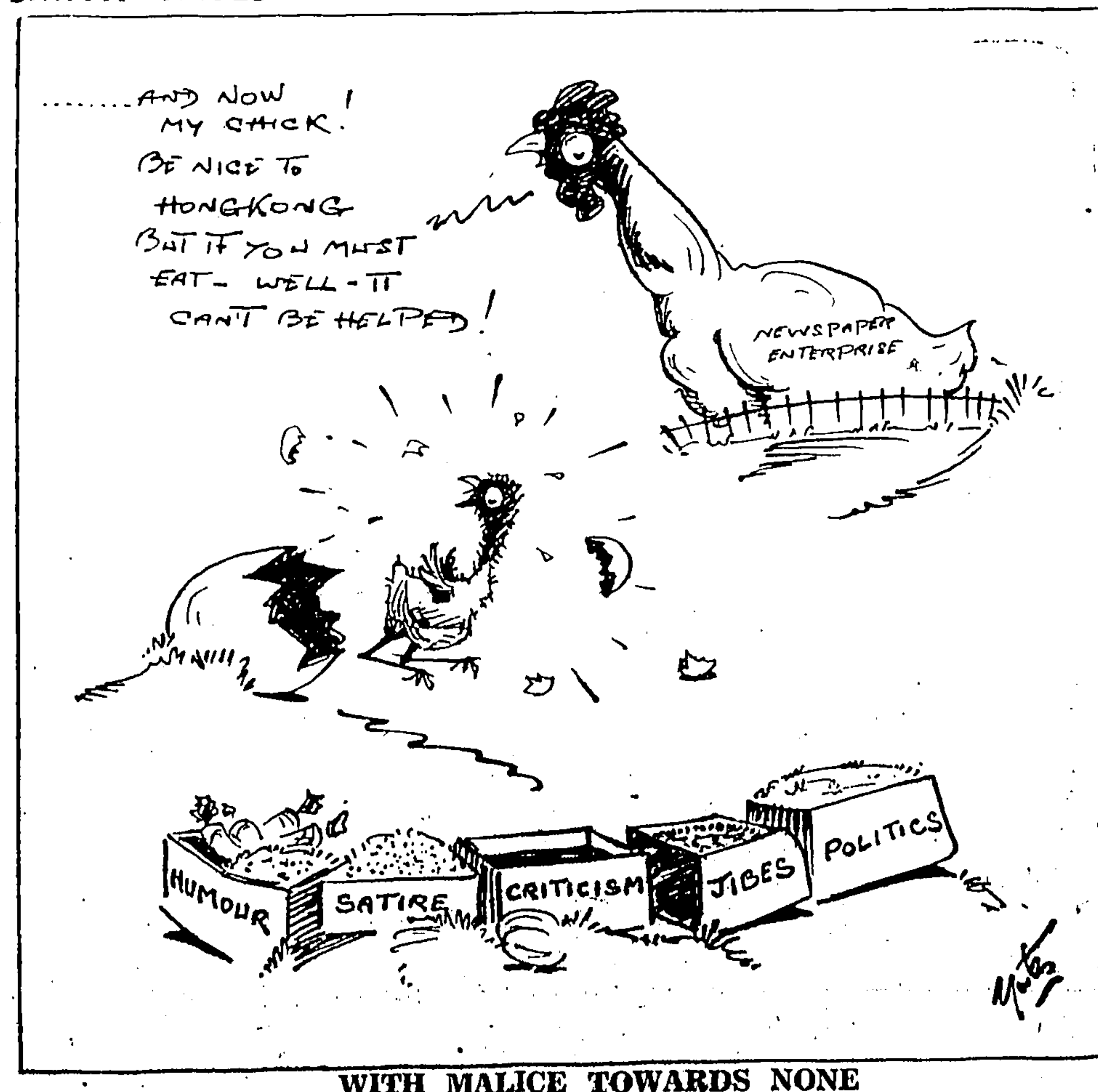
We can all of us understand, and even sympathise with, both of these sentiments. The truth is that war is a reversion to the primitive. Its heroism, its self-sacrifice, as well as its ferocities and terrors, are all well within the range of primitive man; one might almost say within that of the higher gregarious carnivora. A tigress will die for her young. Consequently it brings with it that thrill of release, of escape from the thin weary plodding ways of reason into the wide untrammelled rush of simple emotion, which naturally belongs to the primitive. This is what makes it so infinitely dangerous.

When the period of intense strain is over one wonders how much will remain of the high spirit of daring and sacrifice; how widely it may be followed by exhaustion, selfish weariness, and the callousness which is bred by familiarity with cruel and evil things. How far shall we find that the standard has permanently fallen, not only in things intellectual but in the prosaic virtues of self-control, moderation, honesty, diligence and care for truth which form the base of a high civilisation? Some such disturbances there is sure to be, and that at a time when the world will be in desperate need of all the wisdom it can muster.

The need will indeed be desperate. One may well look forward with comparative confidence as far as the Armistice which must close this war, but tremble at the prospect which will then open. We know in the main outline what ought to be done. The nations of Europe must be set free but cannot be left in anarchy. No one power can be trusted to rule the rest; therefore there must be some international authority strong enough to maintain the law and prevent resort to violence, and representative enough to inspire confidence. If communities wish to live in peace they must live as good neighbours and honest citizens. The "Principles of the Covenant" remain, as the British Government stated in its last address to the League of Nations Assembly, the only basis on which civilisation can be built. The problem is not whether they are true but simply how to make them effective.

The eminent French historian, Elie Halevy, once said to me in a troubled period of our history that he saw in front of the British Empire five great problems, any one of which might well be fatal to an ordinary nation; but England, he thought, would overcome them.

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R.A.F. BRAVERY IN 'PLANE HIT OVER COLOGNE

THE PILOT OF an R.A.F. bomber described recently to the "Manchester Guardian" how his aircraft was set on fire over Cologne when an anti-aircraft shell fragment blew up a big flare which the bomber was about to drop. A hole ten feet long and three feet wide was torn in the fuselage, and part of the front turret was blown away, but in spite of this damage and the fire which followed the bombs were dropped and the aircraft came safely back.

The bomber's target was the railway yards at Cologne and all was ready for the attack when the machine was hit. "There was a blinding explosion from the front," said the pilot. "The perspex of the front turret was blown away, and there was another terrific explosion in the fuselage. The shell had touched off the flare.

"The observer and the wireless operator were both injured, and a 10ft. hole told the tale of the rear explosion, but not quite all of it. Nor did we see the hole at that moment. We were busy.

"I remember asking the bomb-aimer if he had dropped his bombs, but the only answer I got was 'I've been hit'.

Engines Unharmd

"Very soon the smoke cleared a little, and to my amazement I saw that not only were the engines still there but that they were both running. Then the bomb-aimer came up through the well, his face streaming with what looked like blood.

"He was holding his head and could not stand upright. I could not possibly help him since it was all I could do to regain control of the aircraft.

"Suddenly he shouted 'Fire!' and staggered along towards the tail. There were flames coming through the door beneath the petrol tank. I shouted to the crew to put them out. Nobody heard me. They were all there before I shouted.

"A little later I looked round and saw the wireless operator coming through the door with flames licking his flying suit. He was on fire himself.

"The bomb-aimer beat the flames out with his hands. Then he disappeared down the fuselage again. He seemed to have recovered completely, and it turned out that what I had taken to be blood was only oil.

"Back in the body of the machine the crew were working frantically to get rid of the incendiaries and anything that might explode. We carried on in this state and dropped our bombs. We had not made the journey for fun, and the job had to be done as best we could do it.

"The second pilot came forward and reported that the fire seemed to be under control. The wireless operator had pushed the blazing flare down the chute and the bomb-aimer was stamping the flames out.

"The second pilot left the bomb-aimer to deal with the fire, and went back to the tail gunner, who had been knocked out by the explosion. He had come to, thinking that the turret had been blown completely off and that it was falling through the sky.

"The next thing he remembers is helping to throw out the incendiary bombs and being told by the second pilot to go back for his parachute in case the other end of the aeroplane should fall off.

"During this time the wireless operator and I were alone in the cabin. He had collapsed on the floor and said, 'I'm going blind, sir.' His face was burned completely black and it looked as though blood was streaming from his eyes.

"When the crew returned I sent the second pilot back for the first-aid outfit, and told the others to look after the wireless operator, who at first refused to be helped. He got to his feet and said, 'I must get to the wireless.'

"As soon as his burns had been attended to he clambered to his wireless and started to send out messages saying that we were on our way back to base.

"But first he had to explain the settings of the dials to the rear gunner, and when everything was ready he had his hand guided to the key. For 40 minutes he stood

like that, tapping out his message, but the aerial had been shot away and nothing got through.

Five-Hour Journey

"It took us five hours to get home—there was an 80-mile wind against us. All those hours the wireless operator made no moan or complaint, although he was suffering from the intense cold as well as from his burns. He asked for nothing in the way of treatment and did not even admit he was suffering.

"When we told him we would land at the nearest aerodrome he begged that we should go the extra 100 miles so that we could all get back to our friends and let them see that we were safe.

"It was a crew to be proud of. Not one of them showed even the slightest trace of fear or doubt as to our ability to get through. That the aircraft was able to cover the distance is the finest tribute possible to the designers, manufacturers, and workmen. The whole of the skin and ribs had been blown off one side of the fuselage, and on the other side all the rivets were missing."

'PLANE HIT BUT FOUGHT TWO MORE

HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES can take it. So can their pilots. . . . Pilot of a Hurricane, hit by cannon and machine-gun fire, half of an aileron shot off, helped others to down a Junkers 88 and a Messerschmidt 100.

"After my plane had been damaged by a Messerschmidt 109 I started for home," he said. "Then I saw a Junkers 88 being attacked.

"I got in one burst and then hurried off while three other Hurricanes attacked it. He caught fire and crashed.

"I climbed up again somehow and saw a Messerschmidt 100. I joined in the attack and got in three good bursts, one of which caused smoke to pour out.

"Another Hurricane also fired. "We were down to about 500ft. I fired again as the enemy was coming towards me. He turned and crashed at a Surrey aerodrome. I landed there, too, and left my Hurricane to be repaired."

Piloted Blazing Spitfire Home

A Spitfire, after probably destroying at Dornier 215 and a Messerschmidt 109, was in turn attacked by six more Messerschmidt 109s, when he was only a few miles from the French Coast. The pilot had no choice but to cut and run.

"I reached the clouds," he said, "and started for the English Coast."

"I was hit about three feet forward of the tail unit, on the star-board side, which caused a slit three feet long and cut a rudder control cable.

"Five miles from my base, I received a shell through the crank case, which broke the throttle control. The engine caught fire and I switched off."

THE HUN —BY A BISHOP

"Modern reprisals are essentially barbarous and do not find any possible place in the life of the Christian or in the ethics of the Englishman," said the Bishop of Portsmouth, Dr. Frank Partridge, in his address at Portsmouth Diocesan Conference.

"If I were to depict the face of a Hun airman flying at 30,000 feet and loosing high explosive bombs over the earth hoping that they would hit something, I should paint a half-witted, leering vacuous face chosen from the denizens of a lunatic asylum roaring with laughter as it just tosses out its missiles and gaping with glee at what will happen.

It Won't Help

"That is a true picture. Is it something to imitate? Is foul play to be met by foul play? In need, no. It isn't sane. Imitate a lunatic and you become one.

"Second, these eyes-for-eyes are not of much use. It is only necessary to think for five minutes of the peculiarly void and empty result of the below-the-belt method of the Hun to see that shooting German sailors in the water as they come up from a submarine won't bring the war an inch nearer victory."

SHIPPING BLACK-OUT

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that it has been decided that from sunset to sunrise on the night of 26th instant, all lights on shipping and wharves must be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction, and no deviations from the provisions of the Black-out Order of 1940 will be permitted.

On the remaining nights of the black-out, namely, 27th and 28th instant, all ships loading or unloading cargo, and wharves employed in building ships on behalf of Government, may use a restricted number of lights, but the cooperation of the companies concerned is requested so that the number of lights in use may be reduced to the minimum, and, as far as possible, should be screened.

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POLISH "ACE" EVENS ACCOUNT WITH THE NAZIS

A HOT COMPETITION is going on in the Royal Air Force now operating on several fronts — over Germany and the Continent, over Britain, over Albania, over Africa.

Two or three lucky men have put their personal "bag" above the twenty mark. Certain squadrons have passed the double century.

Besides these local affairs, we are now running test matches. The Aussies and the South Africans are playing off a terrific series month by month in North Africa and clawing down Savoias and Capronis and Bredas and Fiats in a breakneck "best of five" matches.

There is an airfield on foreign soil which shall be forever England where an all-Black squadron of New Zealanders competes daily against British fighters for an antique silver cup dug out of some local ruins while making Ack-Ack defences. The cup (which changes hands almost every night) goes to the side which has shot down most attackers during the day's games in the clouds.

And still the all-England players in the home skies form a team worthy of an Iliad.

The pilots' room was buzzing, the other night, with the story of one of those single-handed exploits.

Fought Nazis At Warsaw

A Polish pilot had died that day; but it was not sorrow, but pride, that rang in the hushed voices telling his tale.

He was an officer in the Polish Air Force in 1939, and when the German besieged Warsaw he was in charge of a squadron of British-built fighters that tried to defend the city from aerial massacre.

Outnumbered by forty and fifty to one, the Poles fought to the end, and this officer was the last man to fly in defence of the shambles below. One by one he saw his comrades shot out of the sky; still the dark hordes of bombers came, though scores blazed on the ground.

At last, he faced the destroying fleets alone. He never told how many German aircraft he shot down but we know his bag must have been astounding, because, after he had made his escape from Poland and later joined the R.A.F., we saw him in action.

Not until he had been several months over here did any other details of his story come out. Then, in odd words, grunted assents and inferences, it was understood that he had spent thirty-six hours trying to dig out his mother, father, wife and 4-year-old son from beneath ruins, blazing all along one side, that had collapsed on them as they tried to hide from the rain of German explosives from the skies.

The child died first; then the two old people. When he had got through a hand to touch his wife, and pass her some water, more wall collapsed, injuring his arms, and entombing the young wife in a final silence. He never got her out.

Believed Chance Would Come

He had a strange belief—almost a mania. He said that a certain Major von Epp was in charge of the German bombers that pitilessly smashed Warsaw, systematically flying to and fro over it. He said he would know this man by the way he handled his aircraft in attack, and he said he would meet the German again in air battle.

His personal "bag" was sixteen enemy machines when, during the early evening, at the beginning of a recent great attack on London, his section took the air. They got into a very big mass fight with scores of Heinkels and Messerschmitts, and from the beginning it was obvious that the Pole had picked out one for himself, apparently the leader of the raiders.

No doubt about it, the German could fly. It seemed at times as if the main battle, stood still, to watch the whirling of those two machines, out on the edge of the mob, where they had plenty of "skyroom." The German, flying a

big Heinkel bomber, accepted the challenge right from the start. Despite his heavier aircraft, he gave back round for round, and more. Every one of his gun-nests flamed as the fighter wheeled about him.

Twice the Pole tried to ram, and failed by inches.

Both Machines Crash

Each machine had been hit several times. Later, the Heinkel's fuselage was found riddled like a colander, and one wing had fifty-four bullet holes. A shell from the German hit the tip of the British machine's wing, and tore away several feet of covering, leaving naked ribs. Early in the fight the Pole was wounded in the left shoulder.

The end came with startling suddenness. Another of those savage attempts to ram caught the Heinkel just as it tried to turn, sheared away its port wing close to the body, buckled up the attacker like a kicked can, and sent them both rolling over and over into the abyss.

They came down within twenty yards of each other, and from among the ruins of the black bomber one figure painfully clambered, limping frightfully, with one leg dragging. It took a hop or two toward the smashed fighter that had done the damage.

Then, from the fighter's cockpit came the harsh chatter of an automatic. The limping German stopped, crumpled slowly, and fell.

The Pole was still alive when they got to him.

"That's—von Epp," he gasped. "You can know him duelling out across his left cheek."

And he closed his eyes and went to sleep comfortably, for the last time. He was smiling, but the dreadful, cruel bitterness had all gone out of it.

There was an old duelling scar across the German's cheek, and, apart from wounds got in the sky combat, he had eight bullets in his chest from his enemy's automatic. Letters and personal items on the body showed that the name was Karl von Epp.

FLYING GIANT IS MISSING

Served In China Air Force

Flight-Lieutenant L. P. Rowley, of the R.A.F., a former colonel in the Chinese Army, is reported missing.

He is thirty years of age and 6ft. 4½ in. in height.

Since he left left Taunton School he had had an adventurous life.

He has been a pilot in an air circus, and a crazy flyer in American films, and when he went to China to help to make the Chinese air-minded he was made a lieutenant-colonel at the age of twenty-one.

Before joining the R.A.F. he took part in the "appeasement" flight to Munich, piloting a plane carrying Foreign Office officials to the talks with Hitler.

The flight-lieutenant has played football for Southampton.

His brother, Mr. Richard Rowley, is a former Preston North End centre forward and Irish international.

Flight-Lieutenant Rowley is the second son of Major R. L. Rowley and Mrs. Rowley, of Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston.

AIR SUPREMACY IN BALANCE, SAY REDS

Air supremacy in the war belongs to neither Germany nor Britain, the official organ of the Soviet army declared.

British aviation, it was added, was not crushed and was even spreading its activity.

TO NOT RINGING BELLS—1S. 6D.

Although it can no longer toll a bell at funerals, St. Pancras Borough Council still charges a 1s. 6d. bell-ringing fee for every funeral entering the cemetery church.

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An official of the Council told a reporter that they regarded this charge as part of an inclusive fee, and saw no reason to change it.

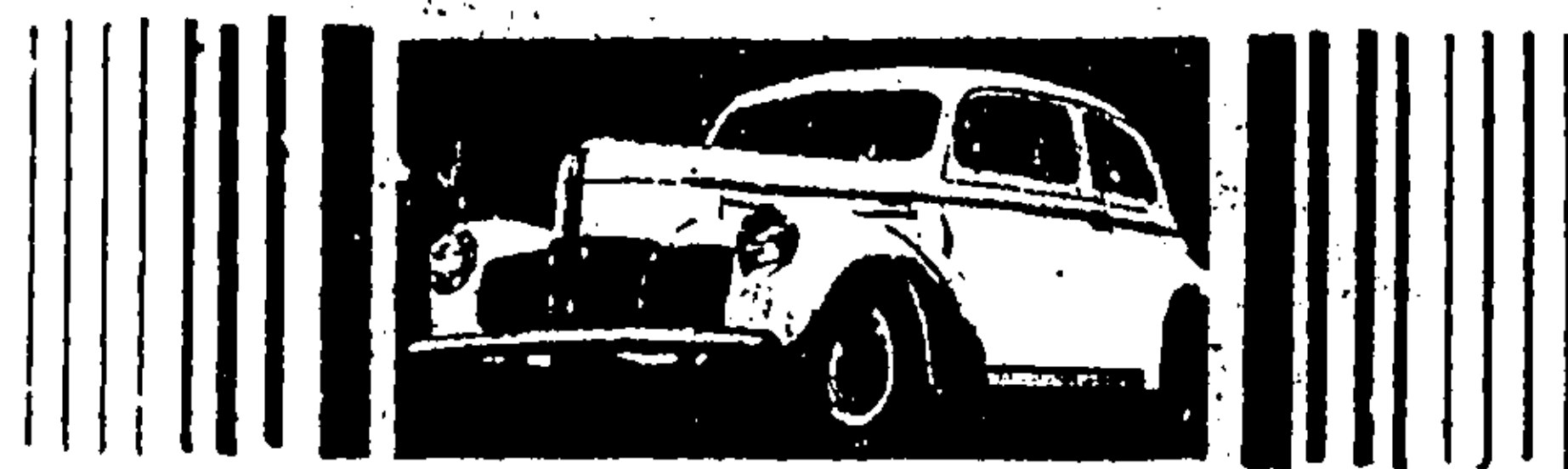
"Our charges are the lowest in London," he added. "If we wanted to stop the charge for bell-tolling because we can no longer do it, we should have to get permission of the Home Office, and that would take a long time, even if it were agreed to."

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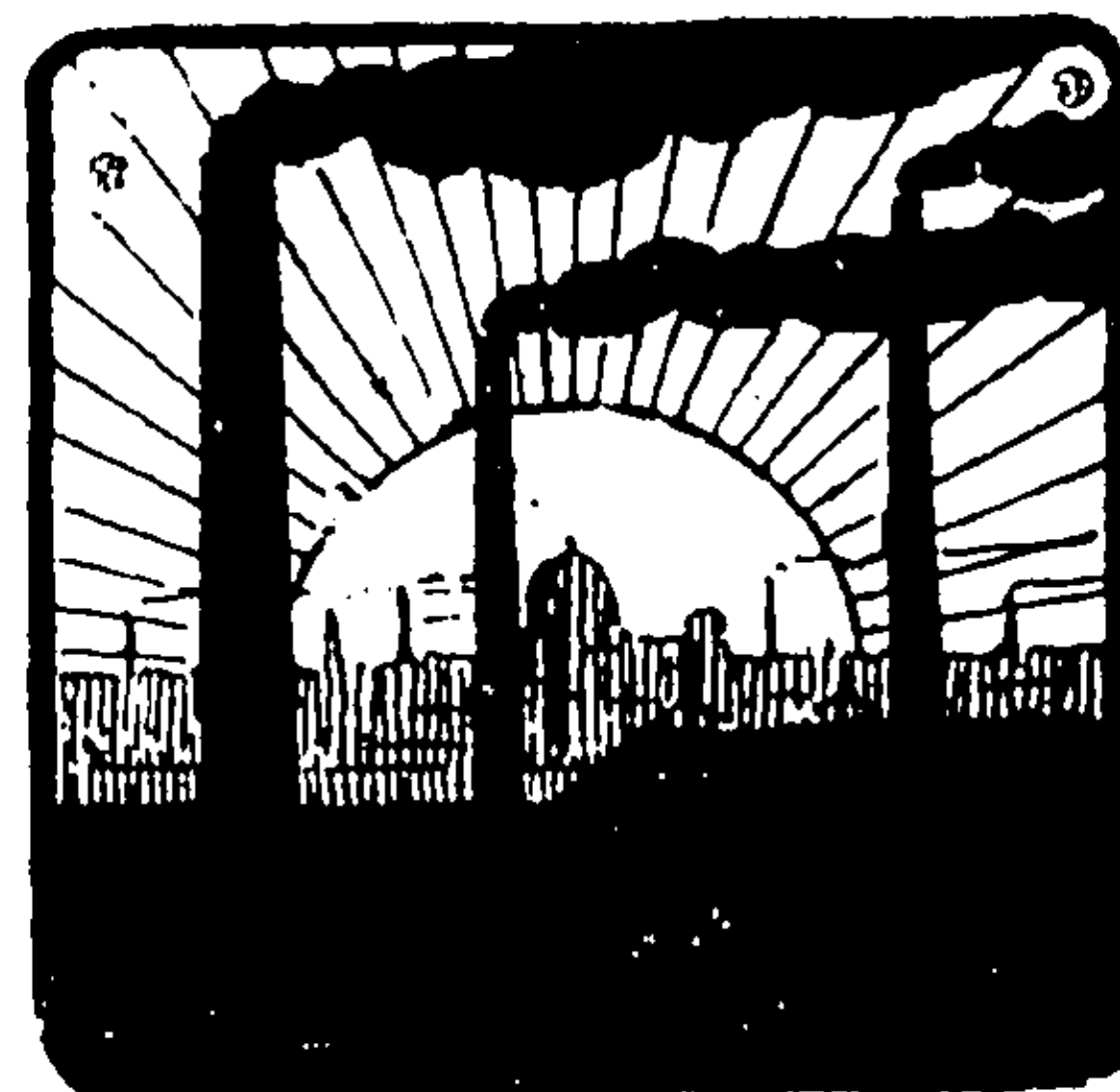
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

AN EASY PLAY By The Four Aces

A good billiard player usually manages to get a succession of easy plays, causing the spectator to lose sight of the skill which sets up such simple positions. In the same way, a fine Bridge player makes plays which look perfectly simple and harmless, yet are really responsible for the outcome of the hand. For example:

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K

♠ K 7 4
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

♠ J 10 6
♥ 6
♦ A 8 4
♣ A J 9 8

♠ A 5
♥ A K 10 3
♦ K Q J 7 3
♣ 6 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of clubs, East winning with the Ace. And then East made

the sort of "simple" play we mentioned by returning a low diamond.

There was nothing spectacular about it, but it was the best available play and was sure to lead to the contract's defeat.

Note that South was unable to make the contract after winning the trick. The bad trump break made it impossible for him to draw trumps before knocking out the diamonds Ace, for then the opponents could run the entire club suit. But if he knocked out the diamond Ace before drawing trumps, West would get a diamond ruff; and there was no way to avoid the loss of one trick in each black suit.

It's true that East could have defeated the contract without returning the low diamond at the second trick—provided he refused to win the first diamond trick whenever diamonds were led. But the actual play was simpler, served the same purpose and had a better chance to succeed if the cards had been slightly differently located. West might have had either red King instead of the spade King (with the same distribution, however) and East's low diamond lead would indicate the best defence.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
1♥	dbl.	2♦	Pass
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. If your partner couldn't bid over two diamonds, there is no game in this hand for your side. The current contract should be highly satisfactory to you but there is no point in doubling again since that would be another Takeout Double—besides which you can't be sure that you'll defeat the contract.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 649

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

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♣ A Q

What do you bid as dealer? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RESTORED TO REGISTER

At a sitting of a General Medical Council in London, the chairman, Mr. H. L. Eason, announced that the council had decided to restore to the register the names of Peter Gerald Stevenson Davis, Ayr Douglas Maxwell and David Davidson Watson.



MAY TEST ARMS FOR BRITAIN

Hundreds of the British Army's experts would be relieved for duty in England, authorities predicted if the United States takes over the work of testing the munitions leased or lent to embattled "democracies."

They said the proposal, part of the Administration's lease-and-bill, would make the War Department's vast proving ground at Aberdeen, Md., and another projected one near Madison, Ind., available for testing guns, tanks and other weapons consigned to the British.

There was some speculation that the provision, if passed by Congress, would result in Great Britain abandoning the idea of establishing a proving ground of her own in this country. In any event, officials said, it would relieve the British of the necessity of sending men to supervise the tests.

DEEP SHELTERS—IF ROCK IS RIGHT

Highly-skilled technical advice is to be placed at the disposal of local authorities who plan deep tunnel shelters in suitable rock.

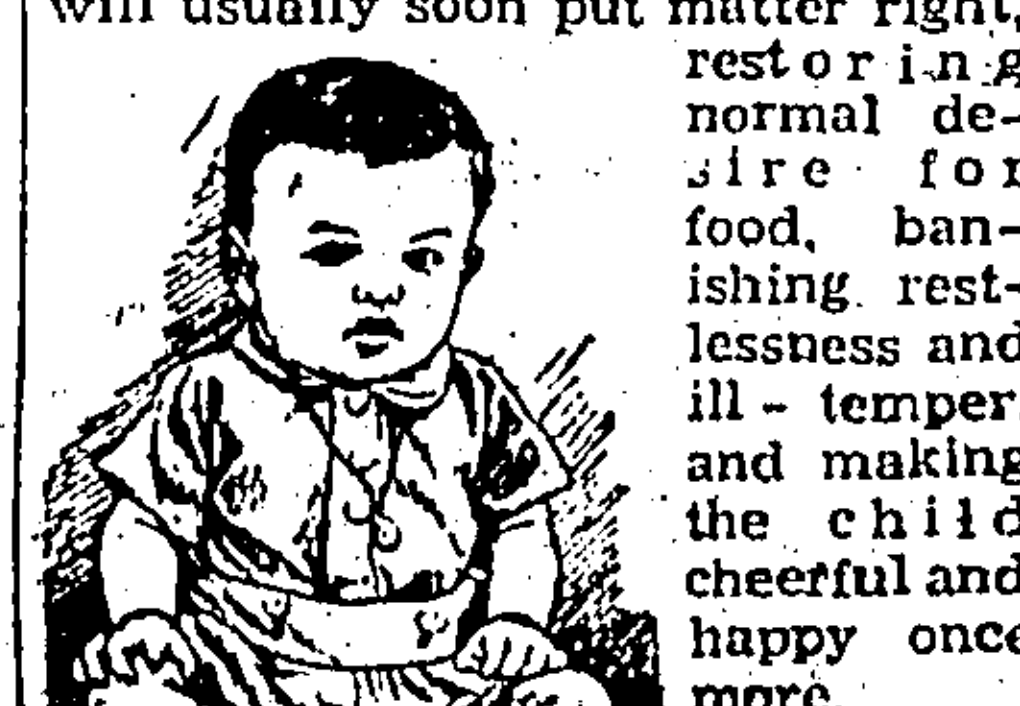
Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, stated this in announcing the issue of a circular on deep shelters.

Deep tunnel shelters, says the circular, should be confined to areas where shelters are likely to be regularly used for sleeping, and to places where the strata are favourable. For instance, the rock should be a sound limestone, sandstone or chalk, and it should outcrop fairly steeply.

Mr. Morrison added: "In London plans for tunnels from the tubes are in hand, and there is no need for London local authorities to take further action."

WHEN BABY LOSES APPETITE.

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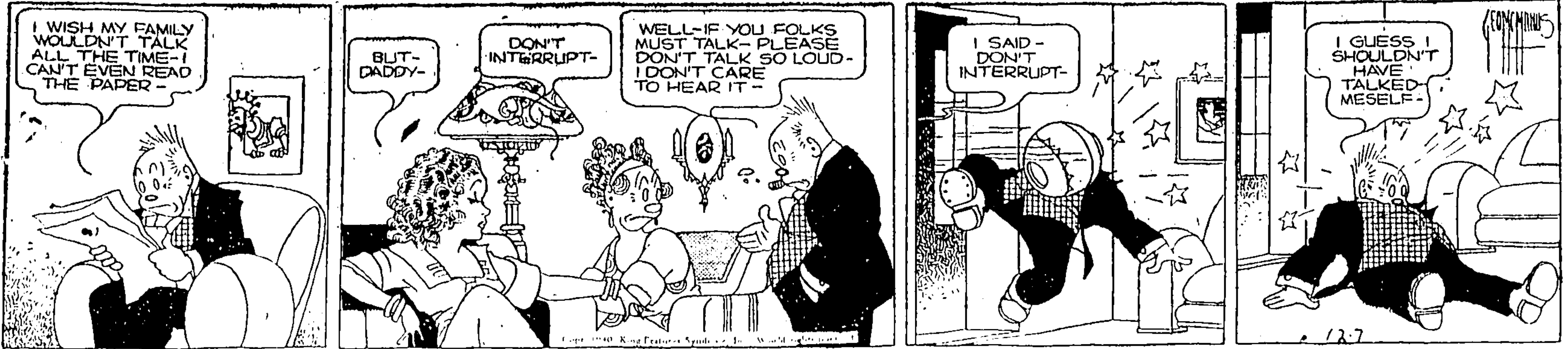
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Health Reducing Menus

Many women who would like to reduce have not the patience to follow a planned thirty-day reducing diet, or are so busy that they cannot concentrate on prescribed menus. For these women, here are a few valuable suggestions which are easily memorised and which actually work wonders if followed consistently.

It is not necessary to eat meat, unless your physician tells you differently. But you must eat some protein. Protein is found in cheese, nuts, eggs, most beans and fish. Gelatin, wheat germ and the avocado pear are also considered substitutes for meat. So instead of eating meat, eat one of the above with your largest daily meal.

In modern, well-balanced menus there is no place for heavy sauces or rich desserts. Just avoid them and you not only will keep slim but you will grow healthier. Vegetables and fruits should be taken raw in salads, or steamed when cooked. Drink your milk skimmed, but do drink milk unless you are allergic to it.

Forget about in-between meal snacks unless you eat very lightly at mealtimes. If your meal is light, then you are allowed a cup of fruit or vegetable juice, or you may munch on a crisp piece of celery or carrot.

Think "Slim"

You were perhaps raised on the theory that you require "three good meals per day." Just forget you ever heard of that. You do need three meals a day but they need not be heavy meals if they are well balanced.

One famous nutritionist has had great success with the theory that approximately 60% of your food should consist of vegetables and fruits and juices of both; 20% should be protein preferably



ELIZABETH EARLE of Warner Bros. emerging from her pool. Swimming is considered the very best active sport for women. It proportions the figure nicely and gives the body the action it needs.

any protein except meat; 10% of starchy and sweet foods, which include fruits for desserts, honey

and brown sugar for sweetening, natural syrups, whole grains, wild rice, baked potatoes, chestnuts and lima beans. And your fat and oil intake should be no more than the remaining 10%.

Perhaps it will be difficult for you at first to figure percentages of menus but if you will bear in mind that over half your food should be vegetables and fruits and less than one-fourth protein, and only one-tenth sweets and starches you will fare pretty well.

Keep Colon Clean

The most important step in reducing scientifically and successfully is in keeping your colon clean. You should exercise sufficiently and eat regularly so that you have a normal movement or two each day. Chronic constipation not only creates excess weight, but it encourages poor health, unlovely skin and a lethargy which takes the joy out of living! Once you learn to balance your menus and to eat just enough, you should have little trouble.

other fish oils. Second in order are red palm leaf oil (only obtainable in capsule form), carrot juice in quantity, spinach, alfalfa, parsley, papaya, watercress, egg yolk, and such highly coloured fruits and vegetables as apples, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, persimmons and tomatoes.

It is good to remember that the raw juice of fresh fruits and vegetables give you much more nourishment than canned juice. So whenever you can, juice your fruits and vegetables in a juicer. Unsweetened pineapple juice may be combined with almost any vegetable juice, making a very palatable drink, and also aiding in the assimilation of other foods.

These Foods Nourish Eyes

To strengthen eyes, scientists tell us, we must eat of the food which contains Vitamin A. Recently new tests have been made as to the importance of part of the Vitamin B complex, for treatment of eye trouble. But we are told the most important sources of eye nourishment are shark liver oil, halibut liver oil, fish roe, and

Protect The Eyes

Dust and wind make it necessary for us to give our eyes especial care. If we neglect them we are flirting with poorer vision and all the minor aches which eyestrain causes.

Naturally you have been told before this to shade your eyes when you are out under the bright sun, either with sunglasses, or by wearing a broad-brimmed hat or visor cap.

Some doctors say that the tear ducts of the eyes secrete enough fluid to keep them cleansed of dust and other foreign particles. But one of the foremost eye physicians disputes this theory. He believes that the eyes should be washed whenever they are tensed, sore or smarting; after any long drive in the open, or after a day on the sand. He feels that the tear duct is not sufficient to combat the smoke and dust in the air of cities, and he advises all those who work out of doors, or in department stores (where the shuffling of feet keeps the dust stirred up) to wash their eyes twice a day with a recommended solution. Once in the morning, and once at the end of the day. Just as our teeth require brushing, he says our eyes also require cleansing.

CANTON WOMEN'S MEETINGS

The Canton Women's International Club, Hong Kong Branch, will hold their monthly meeting to-morrow at the Hong Kong Women's International Club rooms, Gloucester Building. The time has been changed to 3.30 p.m. A Portuguese programme will be presented, arranged through the kindness of Mr. D. O. Silver.

Mr. E. Moreton will speak on "Present Day Portugal." Musical numbers have been arranged by Miss Aurea Baptista. Tea will be served with special Portuguese novelties.

The March meeting will be an International evening with programme items from each nationality, to entertain husbands and men friends, ending with a buffet supper of international foods. The April meeting will be given by the Parsee women of the club, on the interesting aspects of Parsee history and the part played by women. The May meeting will be the traditional May luncheon, with the installation of new officers.

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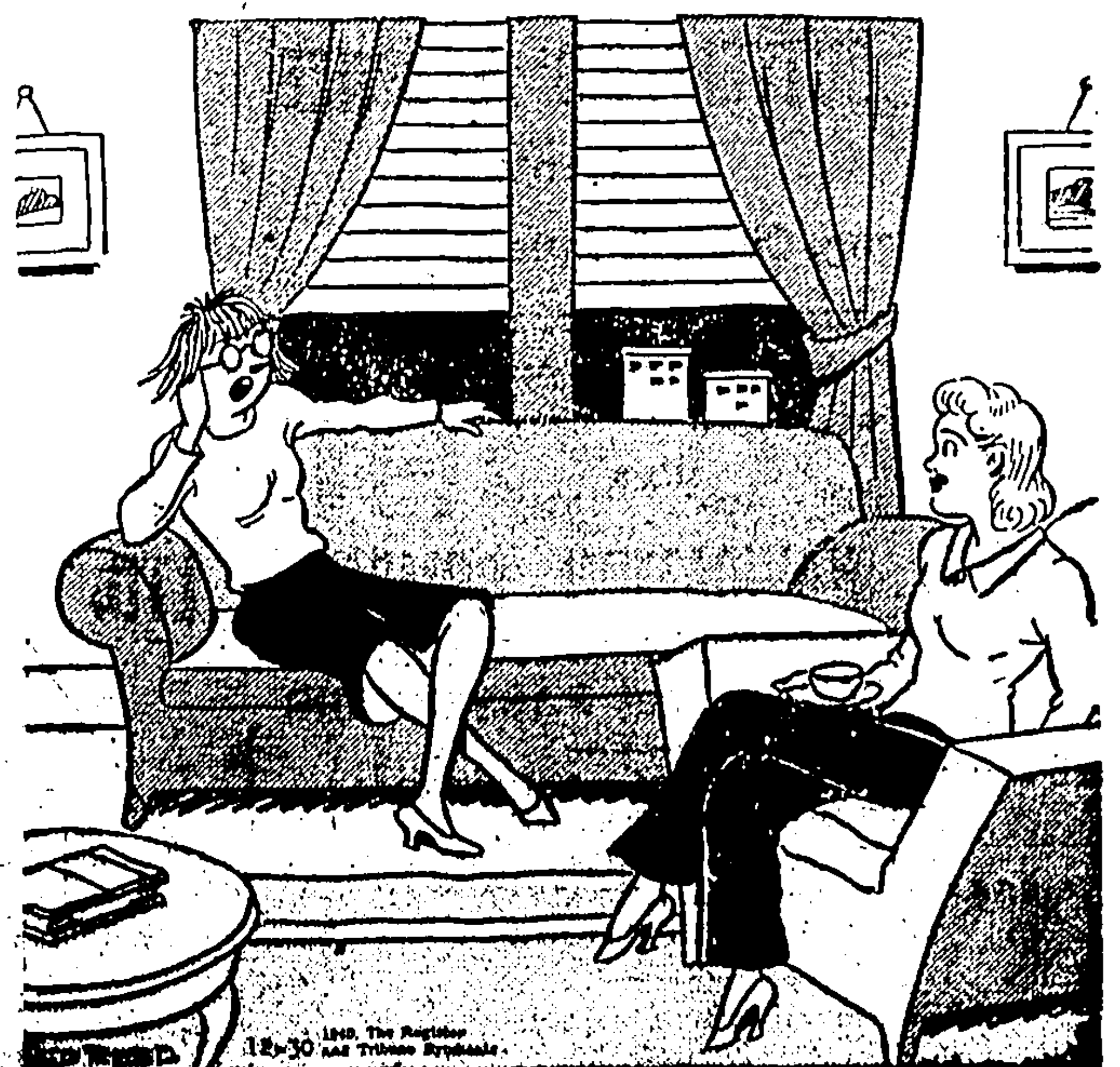
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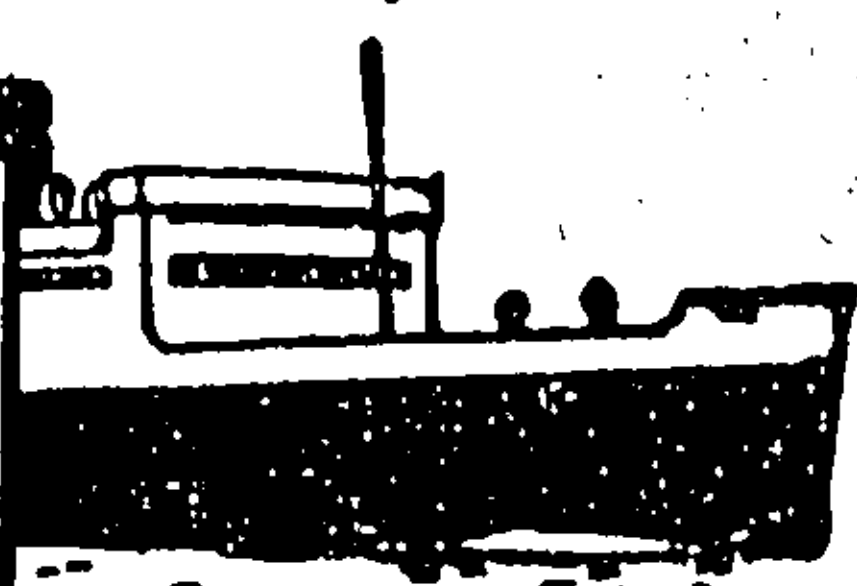
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and
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1.03 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
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ments.

1.45 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 p.m.—A Light French Programme
with Lys Gauty & Maurice Chevalier.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'From the
Old Country'. Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 p.m.—Eric Coates' 'Cinderella'
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 4
(in B Flat Major, Op. 60).

8.34 p.m.—Studio—"British Prose Writ-
ers": No. 3: Gibbon. Talk by Father
T. Ryan, S.J.

8.55 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) playing
Liszt's 'Liebestraum'.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of
the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ball-
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9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short
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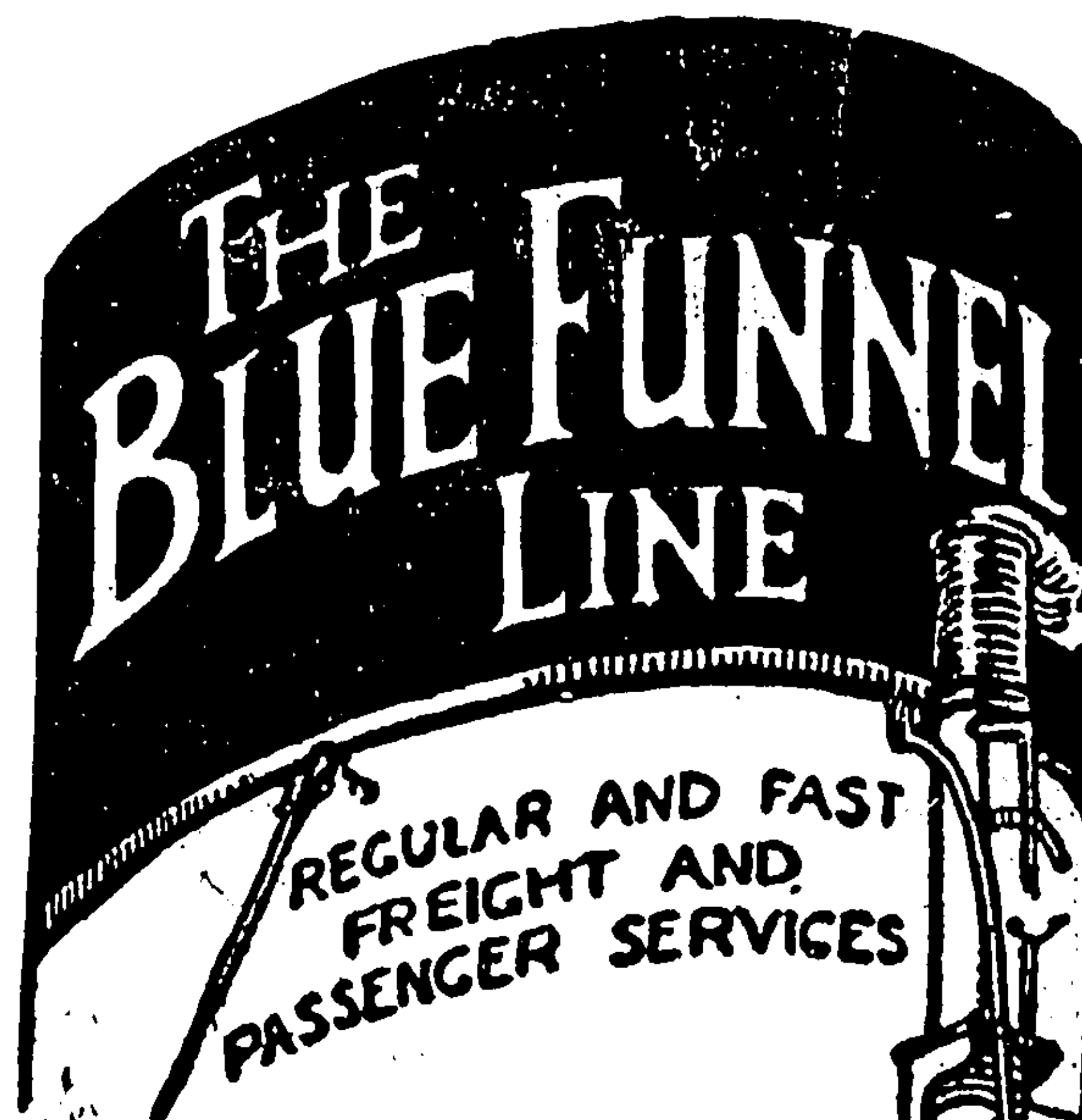
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SHUT SHOPS EARLY PLEA

Earlier closing of shops to enable assistants to reach home before the black-out and the barrage, was discussed in London by the employees and a department of the Home Office.

The employees' deputation represented shop and distributive workers generally throughout the country.

No definite decision was reached after talks lasting an hour and a half.

The deputation was informed that the points put forward would receive the consideration of the Home Secretary.

It is believed by the unions that an adjustment of working hours would be possible, enabling shops to close an hour or two earlier without inconveniencing the public or interfering with trade.

The case for the unions, on behalf of 1,750,000 people engaged in shops and the distributive trades was presented by Mr. J. Halls-worth, Distributive Workers' Union, and Mr. M. Hann, Shop Assistants' Union.

Mr. Hann said afterwards that they asked that there should be a general order applicable to all shops, and that local authorities should have power to fix still earlier closing hours where necessary.

TO PAY £200 A YEAR

When a husband's claim for damages was withdrawn in the Divorce Court his counsel stated that the co-respondent had agreed to pay the wife £200 a year.

Mr. Justice Hodson approved the arrangement.

Mr. Gilbert Sidney Hole, a farmer, of Albourne, Hants, was granted a decree nisi because of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Mary C. I. Hole, with the co-respondent, Mr. Frederick H. M. Kaye. The suit was not defended, and costs were awarded against Mr. Kaye.

Mr. Hole's case was that his wife was a keen horsewoman, and she and Mr. Kaye had common interests in hunting and show riding. They eventually confessed that they were in love and Mr. Hole learned that they had lived together.

TWINS LAND IN NEXT GARDEN

TWINS, AGED EIGHTEEN MONTHS, HAD A REMARKABLE ESCAPE WHEN A BOMB FELL IN A TOWN IN THE HOME COUNTIES AND WRECKED A BUNGALOW IN WHICH THEY WERE SLEEPING.

During a frantic search a child was heard crying in a neighbouring garden. Further search resulted in both children being found lying almost side by side, covered by the roof of the bungalow.

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676 MOTHERS EVACUATED

Under the Government scheme, 676 mothers with 1,156 children under five and children of school age were evacuated from Croydon (Surrey) to reception areas in three weeks.

CHINESE URGED TO ACCEPT SACRIFICES

DR. S. W. TS'O broadcast from ZBW last night appealing for increased recruitment by Chinese into the Hong Kong Police Reserve Force.

"Chinese in Free China," said Dr. Ts'o, have won the golden opinion of the whole world by their willingness to make sacrifices for their liberty, freedom, hearth and home and country. I will not suffer myself to think that Chinese in Hong Kong are a whit less public-spirited than their compatriots in Free China."

The idea of the Police Reserve Force was the outcome of the great Strike which broke out in the Colony in 1925 when a Chinese Special Constabulary was organised to help the Police in coping with the emergency.

"At that time I was appointed by the Government as Chinese Labour Controller working in conjunction with Mr. Young, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the Chief Labour Controller, and I took responsibility over this Special Constabulary organisation. When the trouble was over, this Special Constabulary was disbanded, but its members kept together and expressed to me their willingness to become Police Reservists."

"I thought this was a good idea, inasmuch as Hong Kong would have a trained Force ready to cope with any emergency at once instead of calling up Special Constables at a moment's notice. I was requested to approach the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, then the Inspector General of Police, on the subject, and Mr. Wolfe completely agreed with the suggestion."

Status Of Force

"Discussions took place as to what the powers, duties and status of the new force should be, and when these were clearly defined and agreed upon and approved by the Government, the Police Reserve Ordinance of 1927 was passed. Thus the Hong Kong Police Reserve Force acquired its legal status. In the meantime, the Chinese Company had already been formed and was ready to function, and I was appointed by the Government the Honorary Commissioner thereof."

"Starting with this Chinese Company, the Indian Company was soon to follow and then the Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. These four Units are, at present, the contingents of the whole Reserve Force, which is under the direct control of the Hon. Commissioner of Police, and its services have been greatly appreciated by the successive heads of the Police Department."

Population Growth

"During the past 3 years, the population of this Colony has been increased enormously, some say, by nearly one million. With this sudden and abnormal increase in the population, the responsibility of keeping peace and good order in the Colony falls very heavily upon the shoulders of the Regular Police. Although the strength of the Reserve Force has increased considerably since its inception, the present number is not considered to be sufficient to cope with any emergency which may arise under present conditions. A further increase of another five hundred men is deemed necessary, and the Government has now authorised this increase, and directed that such increase should be made mainly in the Chinese Company."

"As the Honorary Commissioner of the Chinese Company, I consider it my bounden duty to see to it that this order be carried out and carried out quickly, as every man who is enrolled in the Force must undergo various courses of training before he can be expected to perform his duties efficiently."

"In order to facilitate recruiting of new members for the Chinese Company, I deem it advisable to make known our needs to the public, especially to the Chinese community, by way of an appeal, and I have obtained permission to do so by broadcasting on the radio a few words to urge our young

Chinese to come forward and join the Reserve Force.

The Facts

"In doing so, I would like to place before them the following facts:

1. The population of this Colony consists of more than 97% Chinese. Should any disturbance break out, the Chinese community would suffer most.

2. To help in keeping and maintaining peace and good order in the Colony is the duty of every good citizen. The Chinese, being the largest section of the community, should take the largest share or part in performing this duty, as it really means the protection of their own hearth and home and their business and properties."

"I feel sure that the Chinese fully realise the above facts and are anxious to come forward and do their bit. But what they may not know is that the Chinese Company is having a recruiting campaign or how to get themselves enrolled. Now I will tell them. If they will call personally at the Police Reserve Chinese Company's Headquarters on the first floor of Prince's Building, No. 5 Ice House Street, or at the Chinese Company's Club on the first floor of Pedder Building, Pedder Street, they will be supplied with application forms and directed as to how to fill in such forms. After certain enquiries have been made, their applications will be submitted to the Hon. Commissioner of Police for approval and enrolment. When their applications are approved they will be informed."

"Infra Dig"

"There may be some who, on account of their abilities or position in life, feel that it is infra dig to act as a common Chinese Constable. Here, I must tell them an incident which I know of my personal knowledge. During the emergency in 1925, Mr. Justice Compertz, our late Puisne Judge, stood guard over the Supreme Court as a Special Constable. Many notables, too, in the Colony acted in the same manner. One should realise that to render a service to the public is an honour in itself."

"One more point I would like to mention here. In giving to Charities, there is a saying that 'He gives twice who gives quickly'. Similarly, one who renders his services promptly gives his services a double value. Please therefore, gentlemen, come quickly and join the Police Reserve Force. Take your proper places under the sun as good citizens and prove yourselves true and worthy sons of Cathay wherever you may reside."

"I would also like to add my appeal to heads of all business firms, both European and Chinese. Many Chinese are employed in your firms as clerks. Please encourage them to join up and give them every facility for training. As time is pressing, training must commence as soon as they join the Force. The present arrangements for training start at 4 p.m. and 4 times a week subject of course to changes. Any intelligent man can pass all his tests within two weeks. After the training is over, he may be called upon to perform active duty by the Hon. Commissioner of Police. Generally these duties do not interfere much with office work, except when an emergency actually occurs. In that case, of course, even office work may have to be suspended."

"I earnestly hope that heads of firms will give our Force this most valuable help."

APPEAL FOR GREEK WAR VICTIMS

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to transmit the enclosed copies of telegrams exchanged on the subject of opening a fund for the relief of distress in Greece.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has kindly consented to open an account for this purpose and all contributions will be acknowledged in the local press.

His Excellency feels that there is no need to stress the debt of gratitude which the world owes to the Greek nation for the part which it has played in helping to turn the tide of war against the aggressor nations.

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Brilliant Pitching Display By Denham Crary

By "Grandstand"

SPARKED BY DENHAM CRARY'S SUPERB MOUND PERFORMANCE, THE CHINESE BASEBALLERS ALMOST REPEATED THEIR FORMER SUCCESS AGAINST THE HONG KONG BASEBALLERS IN THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE ON SUNDAY, WHEN THEY HAD THE GAME IN THE BAG IN THE SEVENTH WITH A TWO-RUN LEAD, BUT HANDED IT BACK TO THE MOHAWKS ON A GOLDEN PLATTER, WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS, ON A PRIZE BOOT TO LET THE TIEING RUN CROSS THE PLATE.

The Waggonermen pulled the game out of the fire in the first overtime stanza when Pete Fitch romped home with the tie-breaker on Ernie Heather's angle.

Chinese hurler Denham Crary had the Mohawks eating out of his hand, and would have been credited with a victory had sufficient support been given him, as it was, the game was just booting away.

Crary fanned eight, surprised Waggonermen, and held power-hitter Pete Fitch hitless in four batting chances.

Cy "Screwball" Jones, facing the rubber for the Mohawks, yielded only three scattered hits, paced one and fanned one.

Mohawks Tally

The Mohawks went to bat first. Joe Morris leading off with a ringing double, scored on a wild throw for the first Waggoner tally. With Chuck Waggoner dancing on the mound way station, Johnnie Schallberg, the pride of the Texaco Oilers, swung at three fanning one for the first strike-out. Lou Leight was next craved on a feeble grounder to first and Pete Fitch, the next bearded victim, didn't even touch the ball as he went down swinging.

In the Chinese turn with the bat, Nip Lum drew a pass and piffled second to score when Ernie Heather fumbled third-sacker Lou Leight's toss to first. Two more markers on two more misuses piled up a Chinese three-run start. In the second frame, the Mohawks evened the count when Ernie Heather slashed one to the right, which first-sacker Abe Liu couldn't handle, and proceeded to burgle second, third and home, whilst Cy Jones scored on a perfect double steal.

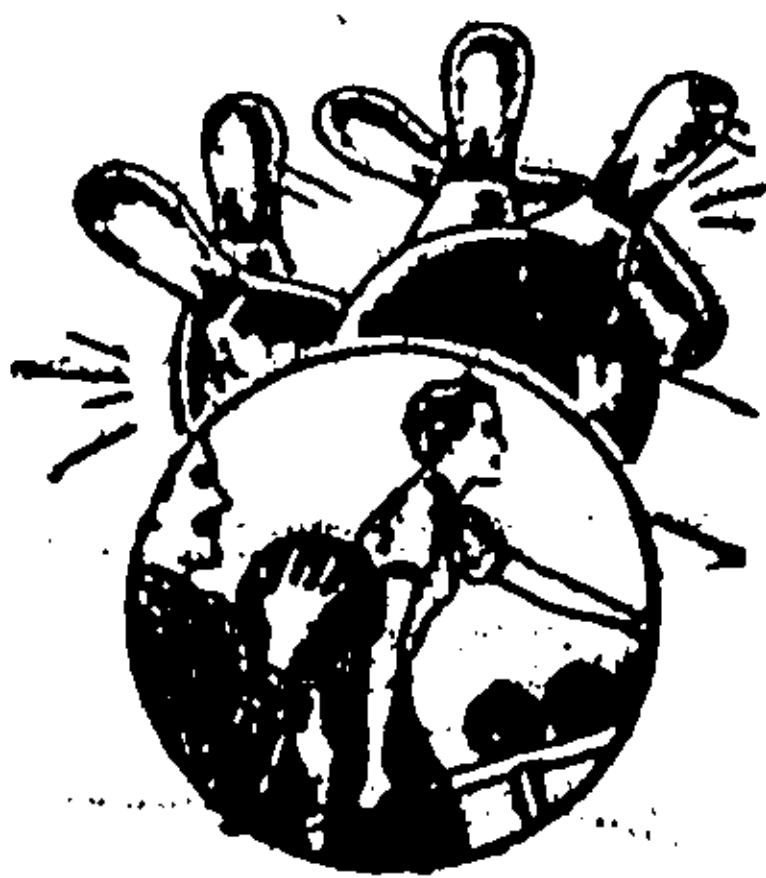
Three Mohawk errors in the third, gave the Chinese a short-lived lead of two runs, which the Waggonermen soon regained in the fourth. George White's double gave the Lumber one more, whilst Willie Wilson's hammer increased the lead to two.

The Mohawks were blanked in the fifth and sixth.

Leight Given Life

Opening the last semester Lou Leight was given a life on Crary's fumble, and slid safely into third on a wild toss. Fitch walked and stole second.

With ducks in the pond, first sacker Abe Liu deliberately booted Ernie Heather's dump to first, in an attempt to bamboozle the umpire, but hawk-eyed arbitrator Huckjai Kitchell was right on the



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SENIOR LEAGUE

	W	L	Pctg
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indians	10	3	.769
Hong Kong Baseballers	9	3	.750
Cyclones	7	5	.583
Recreation Aces	6	6	.500
Chinese Baseballers	1	7	.125
Philippines	2	9	.182
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W	L	Pctg
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
Recreation Aces	6	3	.667
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Flycatchers	3	6	.333
B.H.A.	1	7	.100
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Flycatchers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W	L	Pctg
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Canadian Chinese	11	1	.917
Wahooks	9	4	.692
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Recreation Aces	1	10	.091
Chung Hwa	1	12	.077
Little Flowers	1	12	.077

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

	W	L	Pctg
Hong Kong Bankers	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

spot and pronounced it a fair ball. When the dust had settled Fitch had ambled across the pan with the tieing run.

A neat double-killing with the bases loaded prevented further damage, as pinch-hitter Davis fled out to end the inning.

In the eighth, Fitch hoisted one in the centre, which Wilson muffed,

and scored on a single for the lead to change hands once more.

This turned out to be the winning run, as Abe Liu, John Fisher and Victor Lim were retired in succession in their turn with the bat.

Willie Wilson, connected for the only four-master of the fray, whilst Joe Morris, Johnnie Schallberg, Lou Leight, and George White were good for doubles. Chinese right-gardener Johnnie Fisher, was a one-man fielder as he batted down everything that came out to the centre and right gardens.

The only team-killing was made when hurler Denham Crary clamped his hands on Cy Jones' pop ball and tossed Ernie Heather out at third.

Hassan's Catches

The Indians subdued the Canadian Chinese 8-1 in an almost errorless fielding display, featured by A. B. Hassan's five crucial catches in the centre patch. Hassan also batted in the only four-bagger of the game with none aboard, whilst Baby Abbas tripled for the next longest clout, Nazam chucked for the Indians, walked none and passed none, whilst Geegee Lee, who went the route for the Canucks, issued three free tickets to first.

Fielding a scratch team the Recreation Aces held the Cyclones to a 4-4 tie after two innings, but forfeited the points after Eddie "Doctor" Gosano sustained an injury which necessitated his removal from the game, leaving the Aces short-handed.

The unfortunate incident occurred when Cy Jones' short-stop Ahdor Runjahn held on to the Roberto Marques' line-drive, catching Gosano off second. Both Gosano and key-stoner Barney Abbey attempted to beat each other to the sack. After the players had sorted themselves out from the clash, Gosano was found to have dislocated his right shoulder.

HOCKEY

Interport Probables' Disappointing Display Outplayed By British Army Weakness In The Attack Apparent

By "Sportshawk"

IN A PRACTICE GAME at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Colony Interport Hockey Probables gave a disappointing display in being beaten by a Combined British Army team by 3 goals to 1, after being led at the interval by 0-1.

The Probables showed skill neither as a combination nor individually and obviously the team is in need of a great deal of further practice.

T. Whitley failed to turn up and the right-wing berth was taken over by Smith in the first half and E. Fowler on the resumption.

Play was mostly in favour of the soldiers, who were at full

strength with the exception of Sheehan, who was engaged in a Rugby game. His place at right-back was filled by Leslie, a Police player.

Forward-Line Weak

The weakest department in the Probables team was their forward-line, in which only B. Gosano and G. Singh struck form,

WILDCATS BEAT THE WAHOOS: HEAD LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

IN THE LADIES' Softball head-liner, the Wildcats nosed out the Wahooks in a 4-3 thriller, to head the League, with the Canadian Chinese right behind them.

Thelma Collaco toed the rubber for the victors, held the Owls to six safeties, and fanned two. Therese "Big Chief" Noronha for the losers, also chucked a six-matter, but walked two besides whiffing two.

Wahoo lead-off hitter, Yvonne "Hit-and-run" Yelle takes the bow for the best stick work performance with a three-in-four performance, while Irene "Sluggo" Pereira connected for the only extra-base clout with a ringing double.

The Wahooks went to bat first, and chalked up a marker on a single and two passed balls, whilst the Untamed Felines replied with one on a walk and two bobbles. In the third, the Owls garnered another tally on two safeties, assisted by an expensive Wildcat fumble. The leadership changed hands again in the fourth when the Wahooks' runs counted on two successive Wahook misuses. In the fifth, the Owls knotted the score once more, when hurler Thelma Collaco, brought Jackie Annie on's roller, whilst Yvonne Yelle romped home with the tieing run. In the sixth and seventh, the Green-shirted clan was set down in one two three order, but Wildcat Virginia Chu, pinch-hitting for Margaret Young, drew a pass and was advanced to third on Irene Pereira's two-bagger. Virginia Chu stole home to luck the game way.

Wahoo left-fielder Jeannette "Biondie" Yelle provided the fielding gem of the day, when she froze on to Irene Pereira's long fly between centre and left which had homer written all over it, to snuff a Wildcat uprising.

Cardinals Finish Well

The Cardinals wound up their League schedule by humiliating the Recreation Ramblerettes 19-5, in a fifteen-hit slugging spree, headed by Egegema Babida's three-in-four, which included a round tripper and a two-bagger. Hind-satcher Rosita Hagalawis was right behind her with a three-in-five performance.

Best fielding performance goes to Redbird key-stoner "Gilly" da Motta, who handled 10 fielding chances perfectly.

Cellar Champs!

In the ladies "cellar classic," the Chung Hwa lasses had sweet revenge, who they handed out a 24-13 trouncing to the Little Flowers. The two teams are now tied for the wooden spoon. Florintha slabstress Lily Rozario fanned two and walked two, whilst Chung Hwa twinner Fonghie Law whiffed three and passed three.

Triples were clouted in by Frances "Zaza" Lee and Irene Lee. Errors came galore in this fracas, Chung Hwa booting 15 times, whilst the Florinths were guilty of no less than 17 miscues.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Chin Back

BY BEST BALL

There is more to keeping the chin pointed back of the ball, than merely fixing its anchor, age so that the head will not sway forward or be lifted up. It also keeps the head in the ideal position to combat tension, which seems all too anxious to creep into a stroke. The chin pointed well in front of the ball makes it impossible to turn the hips or even to swing back at all with any semblance of body and arm co-ordination. If any proof of this factor is needed, try facing the hole sometime while attempting to swing the club back. The attempt will prove a revelation in showing how simply the hips and body muscles can be tied up.

With the chin pointed back of the ball there is no tie up of this sort. The hips turn freely, the back and arms move smoothly in upswing and downstroke. Either pointing the chin back at address or moving it slowly back for a few inches with the stroke, will suffice.

Next Article:—Sway.

ton. The Probables, however, secured the lead through G. Singh about 10 minutes from the end. At this stage H. L. Ozorio was injured in the leg and had to be carried off the field, and Smith went in again to take over Fowler's position.

The Probables attempted several times to break through the Army defence but met with no success. PROBABLES—Benwell, Bond and J. Goncalves; N. Whitley, W. A. Reed, and R. Marques; Smith (Fowler), G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and Brown. BRITISH ARMY—Dove, Leslie (Police) and Anderson; Crowley, Hook and Waldron; Singleton, Hyman, Hitchcock, Shaw and Homberg.

DISTANT VIEW WELL IN LEAD

Following shows how much the respective winners secured for their stables (names in brackets) during the first four days of the Annual Meeting:

	\$
Distant View (Lan)	8,000
United Express (Necan)	6,409
Oolong (T.K.L.)	6,181
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett)	4,500
Velvetlight (Cire)	3,266
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	2,771
Starlight (Cire)	2,750
Santa Anita (C.C.F.)	2,500
Palmer (Marber)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,150
Marsh Warbler (Pearstun)	2,150
Happy Returns (Lee Chi-choh)	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Forl (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun)	1,750
Viceroy (Vilaja)	1,750
Oracle (T.K.L.)	1,600
O-Lag (T.K.L.)	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.)	1,500
National Welfare (Young Bros.)	1,500
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	1,500
Bendemeer (P. M. Hoo)	1,500
Eve of Peace (Eve)	1,500
World Fair View (Lan)	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chun)	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton)	1,500
Moonlight (Cire)	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall)	1,500
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Black Seal (C.H.)	1,000
Prairie View (Lan)	1,000
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,000
Mountain View (Lan)	1,000
Many Thanks (Kia Ora)	1,000
Racylight (Cire)	1,000
Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory)	1,000
Brutus (G. Treverton)	1,000
Longdon (G. Tinson)	1,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	987
Bugle (C. H. Chan)	900
Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Sam's Choice (Collene)	800
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	800
Gladialor (Eve)	750
Far View (Lan)	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
A Surprising Time (Toots)	600
Via Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Corsair (L.W.S.)	600
Nomine Poenae (Lee Bros.)	600
Charlesber (Marber I)	600
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun)	525
Eve of Reason (Eve)	525
Eve of Deception (Eve)	500
Bona Vacantia (Culture)	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak)	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman)	500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	500
Mainsail (Sailbad the Sinner)	500
National Courage (Why)	400
Hascossay (T. & E.)	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	350
Roofly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Raconteur (Manetta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.)	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	261
Pumpnickel (T.L.)	250
Spicylight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Cocoa)	250
Conniebar (Marber I)	250
A Good Time (I.M.M.F.)	250
Hughbar (Marber I)	200
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.)	200

TO-DAY'S SEVENS MATCHES

Four Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches will be played to-day on the Club ground, Happy Valley, as follows:
8th Heavy "A" v Combined Small Units "A", 4.30 p.m.
Police "A" v B. & S., 5.10 p.m.
Middlesex "B" v Club "B", 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Bank v Tamar "A", 5.50 p.m.
On Saturday, before the two ordinary matches, starting at 2.30 p.m., the Royal Scots' "A" seven will meet one of the earlier winners, to be drawn for, for right of entry into the last batch of matches, to be played on Saturday.

JOE LOUIS RETAINS TITLE; THIRD FIGHT IN 3 MONTHS

MOLLER & CIRE TOP LIST

Following is how the jockeys and owners fared in the first four days of the Annual Race Meeting:

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Un
C. B. Moller	6	5	4	9
V. V. Needa	5	5	3	20
D. Black	5	1	7	20
H. C. Pih	4	5	2	14
F. Noodt	4	3	2	18
L. B. Chao	3	4	3	13
W. H. S. Davis	3	4	1	18
Ip Kuei-ying	3	0	1	3
M. M. Sokoloff	2	5	3	12
S. C. Liang	2	2	1	16
H. J. A. Hearne	2	1	1	9
W. G. Poy	1	4	0	13
P. Y. F. Wei	1	1	3	8
A. D. Coppin	1	1	0	4
P. P. Botelho	1	0	3	18
B. L. Tio	1	0	3	28
D. H. S. Craven	1	0	2	6
H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
G. Treverton	1	0	1	12
T. W. Chatterley	1	0	0	3
R. M. Wood	1	0	0	12
K. W. Fung	0	1	0	0
G. Pollack	0	1	0	0
D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
Chiu Ki-fan	0	1	0	7
S. L. Tung	0	1	0	8
S. L. Yuen	0	1	0	29
W. Yui	0	0	1	0
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	1
S. W. Tang	0	0	1	4
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	6
M. I. Haymes	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cotper	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
Li Shiu-fai	0	0	0	1
Lo Kwong-to	0	0	0	1
J. N. da Silva	0	0	0	1
S. W. Pan	0	0	0	2
B. A. Proulx	0	0	0	2
K. I. Ip	0	0	0	3
Chanson Feng	0	0	0	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	4
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	6
F. A. Sequiera	0	0	0	6
S. W. Lee	0	0	0	7
R. K. C. Chiu	0	0	0	11
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	13
Hoo Pak-ming	0	0	0	14
H. S. Chang	0	0	3	20

OWNERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Un
Cire	6	5	3	
T. K. L.	5	4	3	
Eve	4	6	0	
Lan	4	5	3	
Necan	3	0	0	
Li Po-chun	2	0	0	
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	2	0	0	
Eu Tong-sen	1	3	0	
Lee Bros.	1	3	0	
C. C. F.	1	2	0	
Marber	1	1	5	
G. Tinson	1	1	1	
Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen	1	1	1	
Dynasty	1	1	0	
Vilaja	1	0	2	
P. & L.	1	0	1	
Gredmaka	1	0	1	
Pearstun	1	0	1	
C. W. K.	1	0	0	
Young Bros.	1	0	0	
Weetoo	1	0	0	
Shields & Stanton	1	0	0	
Kia Ora	1	0	0	
Hollandia	1	0	0	
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0	
C. L. Gregory	1	0	0	
Lee Chi-choh	1	0	0	
Kwok Yee-chun	1	0	0	
Treverton	1	0	0	
Mrs. B. Hall	1	0	0	
C. H.	0	2	0	
Billy	0	2	0	
S. W. Lee	0	1	1	
S. K.	0	1	1	
Kong Bros.	0	1	1	
Collene	0	1	1	
Lucky	0	1	1	
Lee Chi-choh	0	1	0	
Culture	0	1	0	
Wai Shiu-pak	0	1	0	
G. A. Harriman	0	1	0	
Sailbad the Sailor	0	1	0	
Ellandee	0	1	0	
C. H. Chan	0	0	3	
C. N. K.	0	0	2	
W. T. Stanton	0	0	2	
L. W. S.	0	0	2	
Toots	0	0	2	
T. & E.	0	0	1	
Il. L.	0	0	1	
T. L.	0	0	1	
Quartermaster	0	0	1	
S. S.	0	0	1	
Manetta	0	0	1	
E. S. K.	0	0	1	
Cocoa	0	0	1	
Solemnly	0	0	1	
Why	0	0	1	
I. M. M. F.	0	0	1	

March 8.
Royal Scots' "B" have withdrawn.

Full Details Of Bout With Dorazio

FOR THE THIRD time in as many months, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, on Feb. 17, retained his title, taking only two rounds to knock Gus Dorazio out, writes Jack Cuddy from Philadelphia.

It took the Brown Bomber only four and one-half minutes of actual fighting time to crush his foe and walk out of the ring U.S.\$20,000 richer.

A terrific right to the chin knocked out Dorazio so badly that the challenger didn't know what happened when he came to.

Fiercest Blow

The blow was probably the most vicious ever landed by Louis. It was so deadly and stunned Dorazio so quickly that the challenger said he actually didn't know that he had been hit.

The Brown Bomber walked out of the ring without a drop of perspiration on him. It was the fourteenth time that he had successfully defended his title.

Despite the murderous attack of Louis and the quick finish of the bout, the crowd of slightly more than 16,000 gave Dorazio a grand ovation.

Dorazio showed the greatest courage while he lasted, tearing into the champion in such roaring fashion that he fought Louis to even terms in the opening round.

Stopped Cold

He was still bobbing and weaving and tearing in when he was stopped cold by the deadly right in the second round.

The spectators came to see a longer fight since reports had it that Louis was weakening, but the terrific force behind his blows proved the reports erroneous.

Louis, weighing 203½ pounds, was in perfect form and displayed great confidence. When he opened up in the second round there was no doubt that the bout would never last fifteen rounds.

Dorazio, ninth ranking heavyweight, tipped the scales at 193½ pounds, and attempted to set the pace. But his courage proved his undoing. He left himself too open and Louis, with his perfectly-timed blows, did not allow the opportunity to slip through his fingers.

Louis Unhurt

As the challenger threw lightning punches at Louis, the Brown Bomber revealed remarkably quick slipping. Dorazio followed up in the second round, throwing a stream of blows at Louis, but without hurting Louis.

The challenger visibly felt the force of the short, hard lefts, for he slowed up for a second. And before he could recover, Louis uncorked his explosive right to the chin and Dorazio went down and was counted out.

Dorazio lashed out with a terrific left, which Louis slipped and retaliated with several lefts to the forehead.

"What Happened?"

When he was revived, Dorazio was still dizzy. His first question was "What happened? I did not know that I was hit."

Louis, in his dressing room, told sport writers that "Dorazio was a darned good fighter. He just happened to get caught quicker than most others."

"Burman gave me a tougher fight, but I never hit him a smack like I did Dorazio. I guess tonight's punch was about as hard as I hit Paulino that time."

Louis referred to his bout with Paulino Uzcudun in New York on December 13, 1935, when he flattened the big Spaniard with what many sports scribes described as the hardest blow delivered in ring history.

The attendance broke the Philadelphia indoor record, for more than 16,000 jammed the Convention Hall. The gross gate was U.S.\$157,552, with 15,902 persons paying admission.

Louis in December stopped Al McCoy in six rounds, and knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman last month in the fifth round.

COLONY BADMINTON

Following is the draw for the Colony Badminton Championships which will start shortly:—

MEN'S SINGLES—SENIOR
Second Round—P. Wong v D. Kwok; M. P. Young v S. Amplananar or P. K. Hoo; C. Au or H. C. Eardley v F. Koh; W. Gillies v K. W. Choy.

MEN'S SINGLES—JUNIOR
Second Round—H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung; J. Odell v M. Talan; A. L. Fisher v R. M. Lavallo or Peter Lo; First Round—J. L. Anderson v Ho Weng Toh; Jack Hooi v E. Zimmern; P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale; T. S. Young v J. Tsang; Second Round—N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth; E. Gillespie v A. L. Gordon; D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung.

MEN'S DOUBLES—SENIOR
Second Round—P. Wong and C. Au v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith; M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low or J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves; S. Amplananar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. Young and Y. P. Young; C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v P. K. Hoo and H. F. Chew.

MEN'S DOUBLES—JUNIOR
First Round—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang; J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung; R. M. Lavallo and N. A. Beltrao v M. Talan and J. Odell; P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho; T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo; Bye—Peter Lo and J. Tsang.

MIXED DOUBLES
Byes—P. K. Hoo and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva; First Round—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v H. C. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley; E. Zimmern and Mrs. Zimmern v P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro; Byes—J. Odell and Miss J. Choa; S. Amplananar and Miss T. Gonsalves v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

It will be noticed that no draw for ladies' doubles is included above. The "China Mail" was informed this morning that this event will be left open for a few days on the possibility of further entries being received. It is again emphasised that ladies wishing to enter, but having no partners, may send in their names and the Tournament committee will endeavour to fix them up.

Probable Postponements

Owing to the black-out this evening it is probable that all the above matches will be postponed, although nothing official has been decided upon.

LEAGUE BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme:—

Chung Wah	v.	J. R. C.
V. R. C.	v.	Recrelo
St. John's	v.	Kowloon Tong
K. C. C.	v.	St. Andrew's

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West African Troops Enter Somaliland Port

All Italians Evicted From Kenya Territory

"WEST AFRICAN TROOPS on Monday captured Biava, which is a port 160 miles north of Kismayu (Italian Somaliland)," says an official communique received in London yesterday from Nairobi.

The communique continues: "Cleaning up operations are continuing in the Gelib area (on the Juba River) where, on Monday, our South African troops rounded up part of the enemy who had been stranded in the bush.

"On the northern sector a company of Abyssinian irregulars have captured Moyale and South African troops have now taken over this area.

"By the capture of Moyale, which was lost by us in July last, Italian troops have also been evicted from British territory."

Meanwhile, British and Imperial troops are continuing their advance south of Cubeb, where, in an action on Sunday, 400 prisoners and three guns were captured. A British G.H.Q. communique in Cairo also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland forward of the Juba River.

On other fronts no change is reported — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS GIFT

The Australian Red Cross is sending £10,000 and £15,000 worth of goods to China in response to a request for assistance, says Reuter from Melbourne.

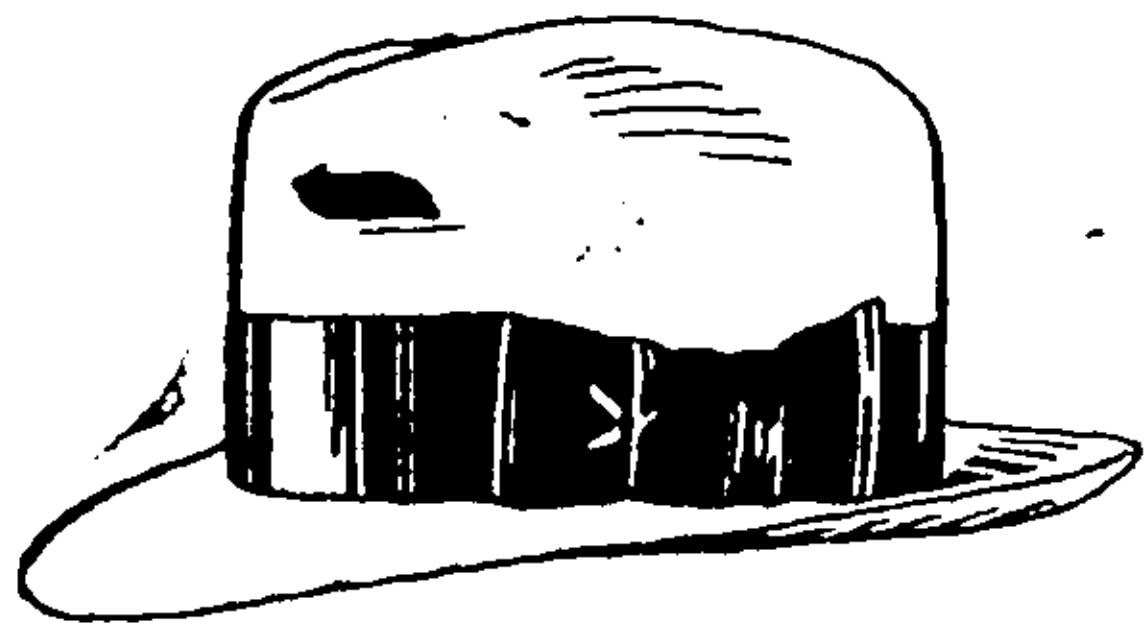


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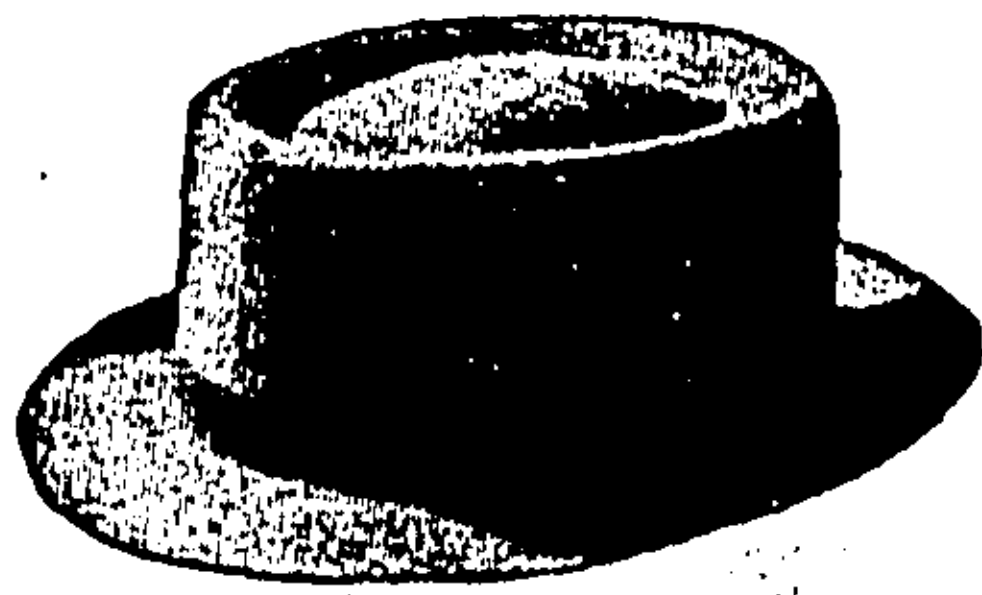


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U.S. EXPORT LICENCE SYSTEM EXTENDED

The export licensing system has been extended under a proclamation issued yesterday by President Roosevelt to beryllium and graphite electrodes. The order becomes effective immediately.

A similar proclamation, to take effect on March 10, will apply to belladonna, atropine, sole leather and belting —Reuter.

APPRENTICE'S HIGH COURAGE ON BLAZING TANKER

A YOUNG SHIP'S apprentice who suddenly found himself second in command on board an oil tanker left blazing by a German raider and played a prominent part in navigating the ship safely to port without books, instruments, charts or compasses, has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The apprentice, John Lewis Jones, was on board the tanker "San Demetrio" which formed part of the convoy for which the auxiliary cruiser Jervis Bay sacrificed herself last November.

The tanker was hit and abandoned but after a night of heavy gale 16 members of the crew, including Jones, re-boarded their ship although she was still burning furiously.

Jones took part in the hard fight that ensued to subdue the flames and then volunteered to enter the gas-filled pump room in order to re-start the machinery.

The official account, issued in London yesterday, declares this young apprentice showed spirit, courage and resourcefulness throughout and proved an admirable second in command.

A number of the other members of the boarding party have also received awards. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT INSISTS ON ALL AID

President Roosevelt yesterday declined to discuss in detail the proposed amendments to the Lease and Lend Bill and only stated that he discussed the main proposed amendments with Congress leaders in the morning.

The President added, however, that it was obvious that any amendment designed to change the policy of the Government or the request of the Government to give Britain all aid short of war, was undesirable.—*Reuter*.

R.A.F. GIVES NO PEACE

Italian camps and motor transport in Albania were heavily bombed by the R.A.F. on Monday, states an announcement from British Headquarters in Greece broadcast over Athens radio last night.

Camps along the Tepellin-Valona road were attacked while transport on the road from Kils-soura and troop transports at Dukut were heavily bombed.

The R.A.F. carried out these operations without suffering any losses.—Reuter.

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'COMMON SENSE' DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was reported in Washington last night that the United States has adopted a "commonsense" definition of the western hemisphere, bringing Denmark's vast island colony of Greenland within the compass of the Monroe Doctrine and under the protection of the U.S. Government.

SOURCES DISCLOSING THIS, SAID THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY MAKERS HAVE DECIDED THAT THE HEMISPHERE WOULD BE PROPERLY BOUND-ED IN THE ATLANTIC BY THE 30TH MERIDIAN WEST OF GREENWICH AND IN THE PACIFIC BY THE 180TH MERIDIAN WEST OF GREENWICH. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

HONG KONG FINANCE DECREE

Remittances Order

An official communique was issued this afternoon touching the provision of funds for visits, residence, maintenance, etc., outside the sterling area.

It is announced that permits under the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, to export funds for personal use by British subjects (other than Canadian British subjects and British subjects of Chinese race) to places outside the sterling area are no longer being issued, save in altogether exceptional circumstances, in respect of persons leaving the Colony or the sterling area on or after 1st March, 1941.

Canada is outside the sterling area.

Exceptions are at present being made in respect of husbands etc. on short visits to families affected by the evacuation order.

It is further notified that instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that all permits for remittances, irrespective of the date of departure from Hong Kong or the sterling area, should be cancelled as from 31st May, 1941, but it is still possible that in view of the

Mr. Eden And Sir John Dill Arrive In Turkey

(By George Balint)

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TURKEY'S DETERMINATION TO FIGHT IF GERMANY MENACES HER "VITAL INTERESTS" TOOK CONCRETE FORM LAST NIGHT WHEN MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF, ARRIVED IN TURKEY.

Mr. Eden and General Dill will arrive in Ankara to-day and will confer on diplomatic and mutual defence problems with the Turkish Foreign Minister and representatives of the Turkish General Staff.

MIDDLESEX SOLDIER WOUNDED

A brawl involving two soldiers of the Middlesex Regiment took place two days ago.

It was disclosed this morning that Pte. Brown of the Middlesex Regiment is lying at the Military Hospital with a wound in the stomach, presumably caused by a bayonet as a result of a fight with another soldier of his regiment.

Pending investigations which are being made by the Military Authorities, the alleged assailant is under arrest.

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Sir Frederick Stewart, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, in a speech yesterday, declared that no matter what Japan proclaimed to be, the fact remained that she had joined Germany and Italy.

Therefore every precaution had been taken by Australia as a defensive measure.

Sir Frederick added that the statement issued by the Acting Prime-Minister last week still held good.—International News Service.

compulsory evacuation this decision may be modified, at least in respect of remittances to Canada. Information is being sought from the Secretary of State on this subject and a further announcement will be made at the earliest possible moment.

Other developments of major importance in the Balkans are:—
First, King Boris of Bulgaria candidly admitted that Bulgaria could not resist in the event that the Germans decided to enter his kingdom but he said he would continue to try to keep Bulgaria out of war.

Second, it is believed in Sofia that Germany will march in "within a few days."

EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE LEFTIST PARTY WERE ARRESTED IN SOFIA YESTERDAY AND INTERNED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE MEMBERS CONSTITUTED A DANGER TO PUBLIC ORDER.

(Continued on Page 16)

NAZIS READY

Although the Germans are believed to have made preparations down to the most minute detail to attack Greece through Bulgaria, observers in Sofia think they may hold their hand for a few days in the hope of news of Italian successes in Albania.

THE WEATHER, HOWEVER, IS UNFAVOURABLE FOR A GERMAN MOVE. FREQUENT RAINSTORMS HAVE LEFT ROADS UNSUITABLE FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC.—REUTER.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East and North-east winds, fresh; cloudy with occasional rain.

PANAMA CANAL INCIDENT: JAP. SHIP DETAINED

(By F. W. Parker) (Special)

I learned in Balboa last night that the Panama Canal was closed for six hours recently as a result of reported damage to secret bomb nets at Gatun locks following the passage of Japanese ships which went through Gatun lock.

The last Japanese vessel was held several hours off Camboa while Canal officials went on board and inspected her from stem to stern and inside out.—International News Service.

JAPAN'S EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Japan has submitted a compromise proposal in an attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China, according to well-informed Japanese quarters in Tokyo.

These quarters indicate that the "proposal will be Japan's final offer in the current negotiations." LAND TO BE CEDED TO THAILAND SHOULD, "HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, BELONG TO THAILAND," STATE THE JAPANESE.

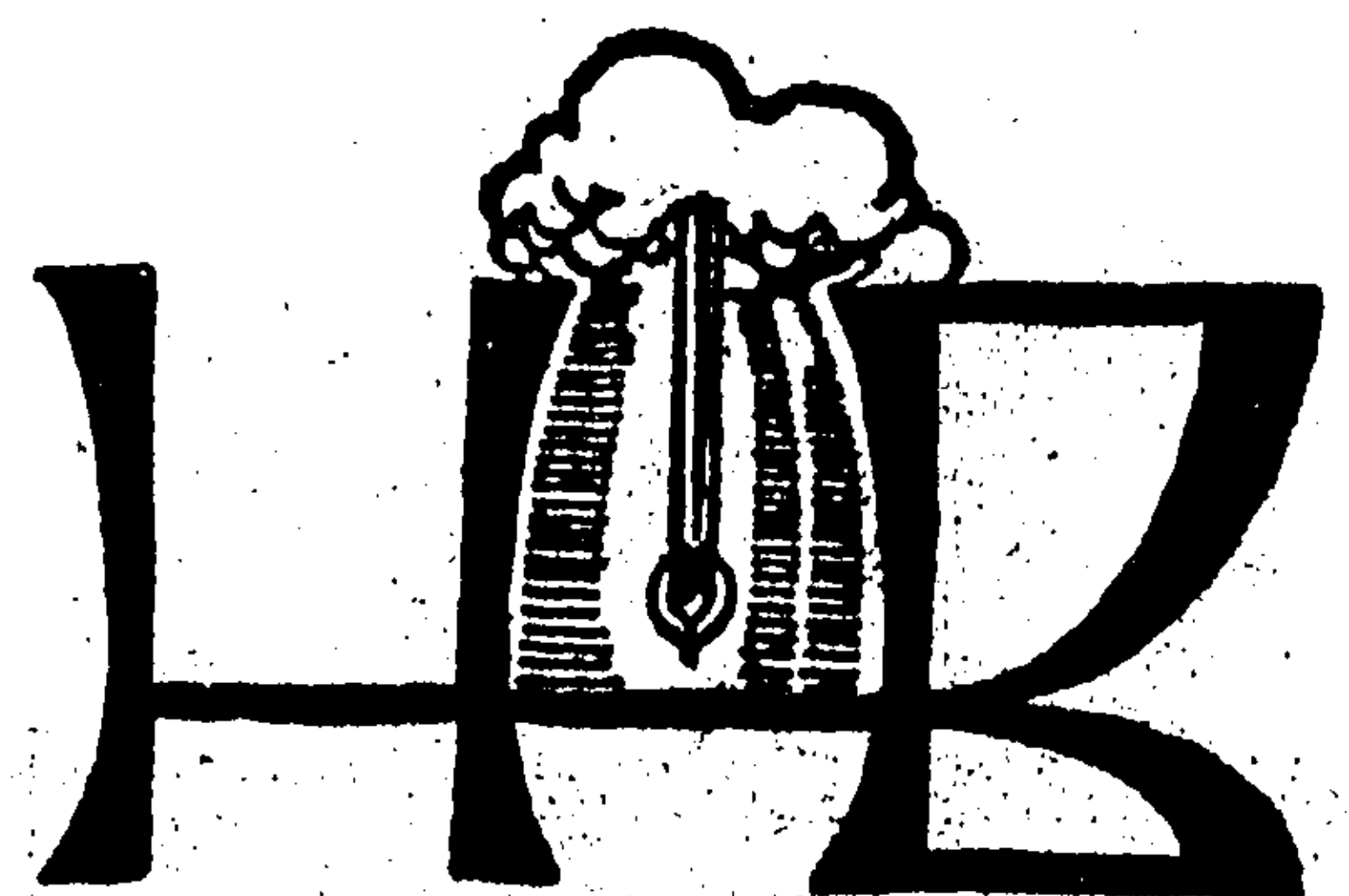
Domel, the Japanese official news agency, issues a warning against "interference by third powers who wish to see the Tokyo peace conference end in failure."

It adds: "The Japanese Government is keeping a close watch on the situation."—Reuter.

TUNISIA PROPHECY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
According to the Madrid newspaper "A.B.C." Tunisia will join forces with General De Gaulle if the British occupy Libya. — International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

HIT THE HUN IN GERMANY

Still The Slogan Of Royal Air Force

Damned Unpleasant

The Stockholm newspaper "Handels Tidning" publishes a despatch from its correspondent in Britain saying it seems that Mussolini's speech has not made any deep impression.

The British have not been blown away by the first wind, and they stand steadily on earth.

Mr. Churchill, when he speaks, keeps to what British military power has done. Regarding the future he only holds firmly that England will win and she won't give up till that is done.

Mr. Churchill means just what he says. He does not speak about invasion or no invasion but win he will, and this

is his and the nation's irrevocable decision. They will not be talked round.

It is not to be wondered that both Hitler and Mussolini, when they speak of Mr. Churchill and his people, seem irritated. As an enemy they are damned unpleasant, as impossible to talk round as to frighten.—Reuter.

Carrying The War To Enemy

"HIT THE GERMAN IN GERMANY"—LORD TRENCHARD'S SLOGAN FOR THE R.A.F. IN THE LAST WAR—IS STILL THE R.A.F.'S SLOGAN, SAID SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, THE AIR MINISTER, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"The spirit of the offensive dominates and the raiding and fighting arm are carrying the war across the Channel with offensive sweeps."

"Britain is strongly reinforcing the defences of the trade routes and our attacks on submarine bases and aerodromes, from which four-engined bombers prey on British shipping, are meeting with success."

Emphasising the determination to bomb the Germans in Germany, Sir Archibald said Britain grudged every bomb dropped in France, Belgium, Holland and Norway.

Many wrecks around the enemy's coasts testified to the usefulness of the highly dangerous and skilled work of aerial minelaying.

At the beginning of the Battle of Libya, Britain had the right to feel misgivings.

The Italian air force outnumbered the R.A.F. three or four to one but the R.A.F. was so successful that the Italian air force had never played an effective part.

Vanquished

Sir Archibald also spoke of the effective work in East Africa of South African and Rhodesian squadrons.

Since Italy's entry into the war Malta had been continually attacked from the air but the people's spirit was unshaken and R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm fighters had driven back and vanquished Germans and Italians alike.

In three gruelling days in January, when a mass German attack was launched on Malta, the enemy lost 90 dive-bombers and it was some little time before they returned.

The enemy's morale was visibly affected.

The R.A.F. in Greece, with the Greek air force, had pounded the enemy.

Blows To Come

In the Italian theatre the R.A.F. Royal Australian Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm had done greater damage to German and Italian production than the enemy had done to Britain's war effort.

Sir Archibald promised the heaviest blows yet in the coming months.

"We shall see whether, during the next 12 months, bombs which destroy German factories and communications will not also shatter the faith of the German people in Adolf Hitler," he said.

The Air Ministry was devoting its energies to defeating the night bomber. No immunity from night bombing was possible and as the weather improved the Germans must be expected to resume the attacks on a greater scale than ever.

They would fail again and no risks would be refused by pilots to make the attacks progressively more costly.

"The people of this country," he declared, "will not suffer alone. Our blows will fall faster and harder on the enemy."

Italian Losses

South African and Rhodesian squadrons had destroyed more than 1,000 Italian planes since Italy's entry into the war. This

was in addition to German planes in the same theatre.

Leaving out of account the monthly output, that was half the first-line strength with which the Italian air force entered the war.

Policy regarding Germany was to hit where it was most effective, hence Hamm was bombed 82 times, Hamburg 62, Cologne 55, Mannheim 35 and on 35 occasions the R.A.F. had ridden through winter storms and fogs to Berlin.

The British people were heartened in the blitz by the prodigies of valour and skill of British bombers, which were growing in numbers, range and power.

"DON'T FORGET THAT THEY TRAVEL THREE TIMES AS FAR TO BERLIN AND BACK AS THE GERMANS HAVE TO LONDON," SIR ARCHIBALD CONCLUDED.—REUTER.

Supreme Instrument

Sir Archibald stressed that the supreme instrument of offensive air warfare was the bomber force. "That force which gives us the principal means of hitting the Germans in Germany."

The most careful planning of the Air Staff and the most cherished operations of the Commander-in-Chief aim at the destruction in Germany of the sources of Nazi power. It is part of the blockade.

The Navy cuts off the enemy from all that comes by sea. Bomber squadrons set out to destroy stocks of munitions, oil and materials which the enemy is husbanding in his store.

And we destroy not only his stocks but his means of replenishing them—his arsenals, munitions factories and oil plants. We aim as well at the dislocation of the movements.

Must Teach Them

Docks, inland ports, canal junctions, marshalling yards and all arteries which go to nourish his war sinews have received our studied attention.

The cruelty of air bombardments was hateful. But, he added, "we never wanted war with all its horrors and destruction. The Nazis brought it on the world. They spared no horror to Coventry, Birmingham and London—and we must be a copy now to men of grosser blood and teach them how to war."—British Wireless.

VULNERABLE HEEL

Ninety-nine per cent. of the accidents on escalators are caused by the small heels of women's shoes making them tumble and fall, an official of L.P.T.B. stated at Westminster County Court.

MR. CHURCHILL'S REPLY TO "OFFER" OF MEDIATION

MR. R. A. BUTLER, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday to state the precise terms of the Japanese offer of mediation.

Mr. Butler declared: "In his recent communication to Mr. Eden, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs after referring generally to the European war, observed that Japan was fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions, not only in Greater East Asia but anywhere in the world."

"The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs in subsequent public statements (made, he has said, after consulting Germany) has indicated that his words were not to be regarded as an offer of mediation in the European war."

No Question

"In any case, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the Prime Minister that in a cause of the kind for which we are fighting—

a cause in no way concerned with territory, trade or material gains but affecting the whole future of humanity there can be no question of a compromise or parley." (Cheers).—Reuter.

NAZI STUKAS SHOT DOWN

R.A.F. fighters shot down two German Dornier planes into the sea yesterday when Malta had raid warnings. A third German plane is believed to have been brought down.

According to an official communiqué the alerts were caused by enemy reconnaissance and fighter patrols. No bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OCEANIA CLAIMS

"THOUGH ARISING IN REACTION TO AMERICA'S DECISION TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCES AT GUAM, AND THE FIRM ATTITUDE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST ANY INCURSION, THE INCLUSION OF 'OCEANIA' IN THE 'SPHERE OF CO-PROSPERITY' BY MR. YOSUKE MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, EXPOSES JAPAN'S INSATIABLE AGGRESSIVE AMBITION, AND MUST THEREFORE NOT BE TAKEN AS A MERE GESTURE," SAYS THE HONG KONG "TA KUNG PAO" TO-DAY.

The journal expresses no surprise at Mr. Matsuoka's announcement and warns that Japan's aggression will not end at "Oceania."

"If the United States does not interfere effectively with Japan's aggressive actions now, we believe that Japan will claim in the near future a natural right even in Alaska and South America, not to say the Philippines and Hawaii."

The "National Times" said that Mr. Matsuoka's announcement was undoubtedly made as another bombshell in the "war of nerves."

The journal adds, "Though expert in the 'war of nerves', Japan may suffer a nervous breakdown in case of failure."

The "Wah Tsze Yat Po" remarks that Mr. Matsuoka's speech regarding "Oceania" only exposed his own failure to achieve a rapprochement with Britain and the United States.—Central News.

TRAMWAY STRIKE THREAT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Another tramway strike in the French Concession, Shanghai, is looming in sight and may occur to-day.

Yesterday, tramway communications were severed for about half an hour, when the employees left the vehicles for a "brief rest."

According to the company officials, no demands have been presented and they were unable to explain the action.

Wang Chin-wei agents are believed to be agitating for another general communication strike throughout Shanghai.—Our Own Correspondent.



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PLAN FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

Every householder in Britain will receive free compensation from Government up to £200 for air raid damage to clothing, furniture and other household goods under a new Government free insurance scheme outlined by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the Commons yesterday.

Up to another £100 free compensation will be paid for a wife and £25 for each child.

In addition to these free grants it is proposed that people should be able to insure at low rates, namely one per cent, up to £2,000, at 1½ per cent from £2,000 to £3,000, and at 2 per cent from £3,000 to £10,000.

Those living in hotels and lodgings will get free compensation up to £50. Details of the scheme will be laid before Parliament. — Reuter.

NO GOODS ALLOWED TO RUMANIA

All outstanding navicerts and export licences for Rumania were revoked when Italy entered the war, declared Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, when questioned in the Commons yesterday.

At this time, he added, Rumania was already passing under German economic control. No goods had, therefore, been allowed to go through the British control to Rumania since last June.

Asked for an assurance that similar treatment would be meted out to other countries likely to be drawn into the German orbit, Mr. Dalton indicated that the Rumanian precedent might usefully be followed. — Reuter.

GRAVE CHARGE ADJOURNED

The case of Frank Kennedy Jacobs, R.A.M.C., who is charged with rape and indecent assault, which was to be heard at the Criminal Sessions this morning, was adjourned till Thursday, March 6, to enable accused to obtain defence counsel.

Accused was remanded in military custody.

DYING MOTHER EXCUSE

That he had come to Hong Kong on his way to Macao to see his dying mother was the excuse of Lau Tak-tai, charged with returning from banishment at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

His Lordship, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor sentenced him to 12 months' hard labour.

Accused with four convictions for larceny and six for breach of the Deportation Ordinance, has spent most of the last ten years in prison.

British Forces Thrusting Into Heart Of Abyssinia

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Khartoum)

WITH THE TENTACLES OF THE BRITISH FORCES THRUSTING LIKE AN OCTOPUS EVER DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF ABYSSINIA, IT APPEARS THAT THE TEMPO OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS LIKELY TO INCREASE AS THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S FORCES FIND THEMSELVES IMPERILLED AT ONE POINT AFTER ANOTHER.

Thrusts into Abyssinia are now being made at more than 12 different points simultaneously, from north, south and west, while growing numbers of Abyssinians, hearing news of the Emperor's installation in his own territory, are rallying to the patriot forces.

In addition, Italian regulars are themselves increasingly deserting as a result of the intensive British attacks coupled with appeals made by means of pamphlets, loudspeakers etc.

The intensity of our effective pamphlet campaign can be judged by the fact that in a recent period of four weeks, 750,000 have been distributed in Abyssinia and Eritrea.

The Italians have abandoned the threat to shoot men found carrying British pamphlets as impracticable and have instituted periodical "search parades."

Prisoners Taken

A whole battalion was lined up and searched for pamphlets but many prisoners we have taken we found still carrying our pamphlets in their pockets.

The force of the British thrust has been materially strengthened in recent days by the provision of well-organised supply lines, bringing through mountainous country such necessities as ammunition, medical supplies and food.

There is also the growing strength of our Air Force.

The technique of surrounding and cutting off Italian forces, already so successful in Libya, is being applied at a number of points besides Keren, although the difficult nature of the country hampers the swift employment of mechanised forces at several points.

Attacking In Rear

In many cases enveloping movements are being carried out by infantry clambering through rugged mountains and destroying roads and bridges and attacking the Italians from the rear.

Apart from retreating outposts, the main body of the Italians, so far as any line can be said to exist, appears to run approximately from Keren, where the cream of the white forces is being employed in an attempt to hold that town at all costs, southwards to Lake Tana and then to Debra, Marcos and Addis Ababa. — Reuter.

AN UNEQUIVOCAL NEGATIVE

ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY TO ACCORD A SECRET DEBATE ON THE BASES LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES, THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, GAVE AN UNEQUIVOCAL "NO" AND ADDED THAT MR. CHURCHILL HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEDING TO SUCH A REQUEST — A STATEMENT WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH CHEERS. — REUTER.

GENERAL ELECTION IN RUMANIA

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, announced yesterday that a general election will be held in Rumania on March 2, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German news agency. — Reuter.

FIRST JOB: WIN WAR

MR. JOHN G. WINANT, NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, HAS RESERVED A SEAT ON THE CLIPPER SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR LISBON TO-MORROW. PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has no ideas which Mr. Winant may take to London concerning the kind of peace which could be established after the war.

Making this statement at yesterday's press conference the President added that the first job was to win the war. — Reuter.

SNATCH AND RUN RAID ON SHOP

Wong On Yeung, 32, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with stealing \$600 from No. 49, Connaught Road West yesterday.

Defendant entered the shop, snatched the money from the counter, and ran. He was caught by a Chinese detective. A \$10 dollar note was missing when defendant was arrested. Apparently he dropped it during the chase.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Ng Hing, 21, by Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, for the theft of a raincoat from the offices of the Sun Life Insurance Company, Gloucester Building. The raincoat belonged to Mr. J. P. Whitam, branch manager of the company.

Accused pawned the raincoat at the Tak Wing Pawnshop, Des Voeux Road Central, for \$7.

FOUR ITALIAN 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

FOUR ITALIAN AIRCRAFT WERE BROUGHT DOWN BY GREEK FIGHTER PLANES AND A.A. GUNS ON MONDAY, SAYS A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM ATHENS LAST NIGHT.

Three other Italian planes were badly hit and it is thought unlikely they regained their bases. — Reuter.

BANDIT COUP IN PARIS

FIRING IN ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE CROWDED HEART OF PARIS, BANDITS ESCAPED YESTERDAY WITH 3,700,000 FRANCS AFTER HOLDING UP THREE BANK MESSENGERS WHO WERE TAKING A HAND CART CONTAINING THE MONEY TO THE BANQUE DE FRANCE.

Suddenly attacked by the armed bandits one messenger was shot dead and another wounded.

Failing to open the hand cart the bandits hitched it to the rear of their car and, towing the hand cart with its contents, made a clean getaway. — Reuter.

U.S. BASES APPROVED

The U.S. Senate Naval Affairs Commission has approved the authorisation of a credit amounting to \$242,373,500 for improvements on the islands of Guam and Samoa.

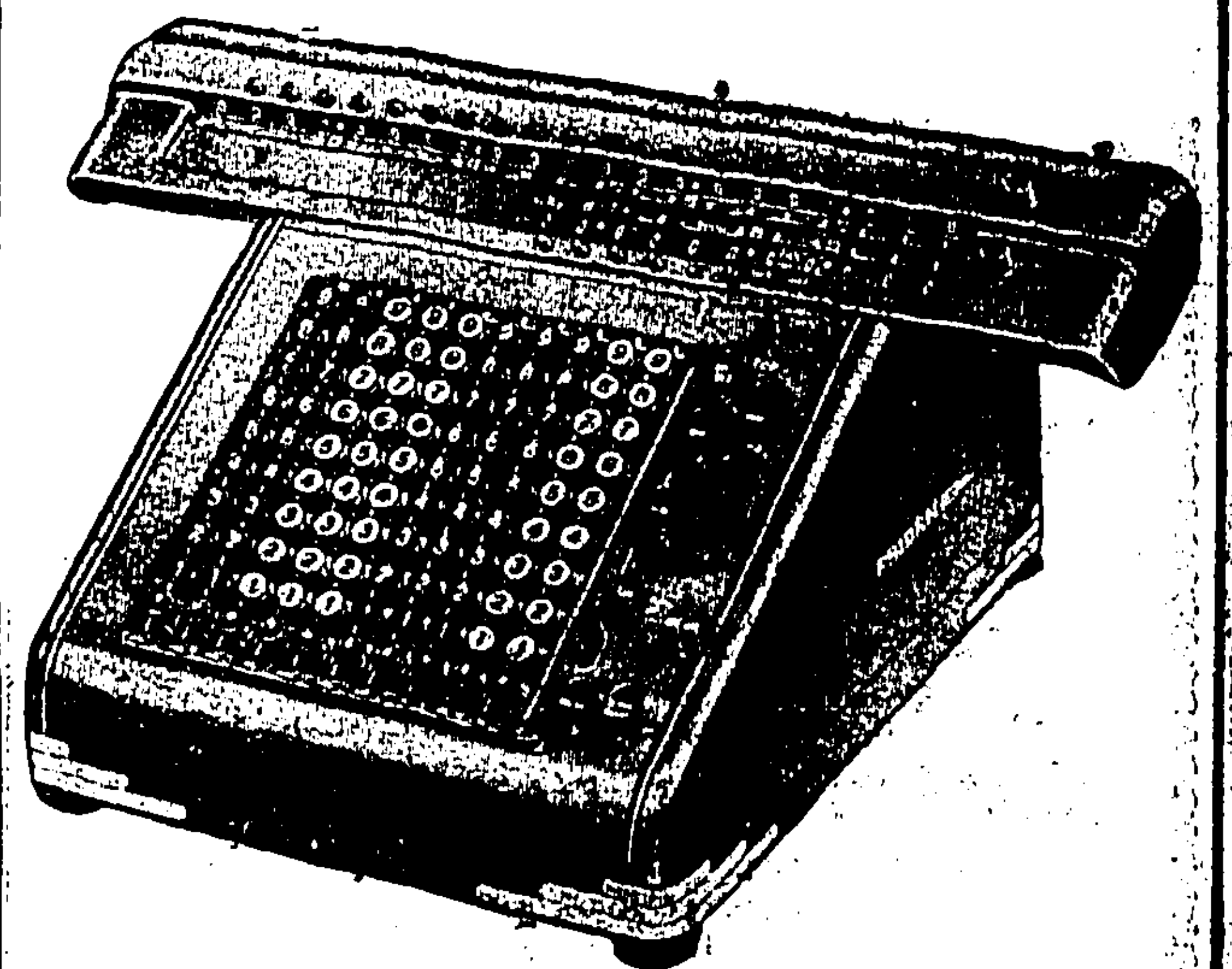
The naval spokesman, Admiral Morrell, declared in Washington yesterday that these and improvements to a number of the bases leased from Britain, were "absolutely vital to the defence of the United States." — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to cover China, Japan, and the neighbouring seas, and is regaining intensity over Manchuria; pressure is relatively low over Indo-China.

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CLAIMS OF GERMAN HIGH COMMAND DISPOSED OF

THE CLAIM OF THE German High Command that a German raider has sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons in convoy, is disposed of by the Admiralty announcement that merchant shipping losses for the week ended Feb. 16 were 12 ships in all, representing a gross tonnage of 37,636 tons.

Eleven were British, of 32,464 tons, and one Allied, of 5,172 tons.

These losses include five vessels—four British and one Allied—totalling 23,986 tons, known to have been sunk by a raider which attacked a convoy off the Azores on Feb. 12.

The German claim for this week totalled 185,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk.

It is stated there was nothing resembling the truth in Hitler's claim to have sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in the last few days.

Usual Practice

Details of the Admiralty communique show that 10 of 19 ships in convoy attacked by a Nazi surface raider off the Azores on Feb. 12 are known to be safe. Four others are not yet overdue.

"Following its usual practice of making announcements and claims before there has been an opportunity to check the facts," states the Admiralty communique, "the German High Command announced that in this attack the raider had sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons."

The four ships—three British and one Allied—not yet overdue total 19,698 tons.—Reuter.

SEPTEMBER WILL BE DECISIVE

September will be the decisive month, said Sir Walter Citrine, British Trade Union leader, broadcasting from London last night.

Sir Walter, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the United States, said that by September British and United States production of aircraft would exceed German production.

The American aircraft industry, he added, is expanding at an incredible rate.

Last July 78,000 men were employed in American aircraft factories and at the present moment 250,000 were employed.

By next June the number would have expanded to 500,000.

No Hesitation

The American people, Sir Walter declared, were deeply impressed with the justice of the British cause.

There was no hesitation or doubt about whether the British were right in resisting Nazi aggression.—Reuter.

Sir Walter said he told the American people that the British people were not built in heroic mould but were "just common ordinary people trying to meet a great emergency with the courage and fortitude it demanded."

America, he said, was determined to help with all methods to prosecute the war in which Britain was involved.—British Wire-less.

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BRITISH EXPORTS TO JAPAN

Lord Lyttleton, President of the Board of Trade, was questioned in Parliament yesterday on British exports to Japan in the last 12 months.

Lord Lyttleton declared that during the period of the war no licences had been issued for exports from Great Britain to Japan of war materials as such.—Reuter.

was proof of German blockade strength. — International News Service.

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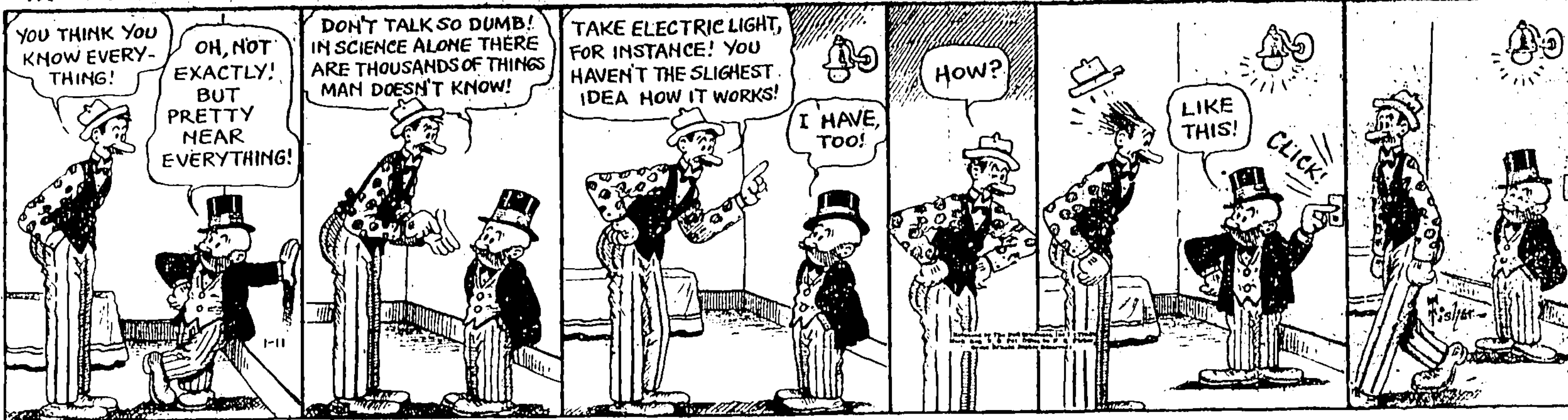
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THREE WOMEN DISCHARGED

TUNG PONG, UNEMPLOYED, AND THREE WOMEN CHAM CHAN, TSUI MUI & CHAN TAI, WERE THIS MORNING CHARGED BEFORE SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF 21,000 HEROIN PILLS AND 747 OUNCES OF PINK MASS AT NO. 7, TUNG ON STREET.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

Tung Pong pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years' hard labour. The three women were discharged.

As regards the first woman, His Lordship said that after the Crown had conceded the relationship between the man and her, it must prove affirmatively that she took part in the manufacture.

The special defence of 1925 open to married women, was open to her.

The chatty was lighted and the pill were being manufactured when the Officers arrived and she was in the passage. She went into the cubicle to claim her child and to see that no harm came to it. Her husband had taken the blame for everything.

Mr. Murphy then asked for the discharge of the woman and his Lordship directed the jury to return a formal verdict of not guilty.

The other two women were discharged when the Court ruled certain statements made by the man to be inadmissible as evidence.

TERRORISTS AMOK IN SHANGHAI

POLITICAL TERRORISTS ran amok in Shanghai yesterday as three Japanese and one Chinese were shot in the course of three attacks.

The first attack was staged by two Chinese gunmen at 2 p.m. in Hongkew, when Private Toda, of the Medical Corps, was shot and killed instantly, while Corporal Ishii was seriously wounded in the chest.

One of the two gunmen was wounded and captured by Japanese naval sentries.

Six hours later, in the same district, a lone Chinese gunman fired two shots at a Japanese naval officer, who is believed to have been wounded.

A third attack was staged at 9 p.m. in the western area when another lone Chinese gunman critically wounded Wang Yung, stated to be an official of the Japanese-sponsored City Government Police.

Barriades were established late last night by Japanese bluejackets near the scene of the Hongkew shootings, disrupting all traffic. All bridges, however, are now open, though vehicular and pedestrian traffic is being held up by searchers. Reuter.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY RAISED

THE CASE IN WHICH CHAN CHUT-KAN, ALIAS LEWIS CHAN, RESIDING AT NO. 6, NANKING STREET, IS CHARGED WITH RECEIVING A WRIST WATCH, THE PROPERTY OF MR. K. M. A. BARNETT, WAS OPENED BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA THIS MORNING.

Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded not guilty on behalf of accused, who appeared on a \$300 bail, while Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston prosecuted. The watch and a wallet, containing money, were stolen from Mr. Barnett's jacket pocket in his Chambers while he was engaged in Court on February 10.

Circulars were distributed to pawnshops and, as a result, the Tak Sang Pawn Shop sent the watch, which had been pawned the previous day, to the police station.

The pawnbrokers were instructed to detain the man if he came again.

Two days later, accused went to the pawnshop with a shirt and was arrested.

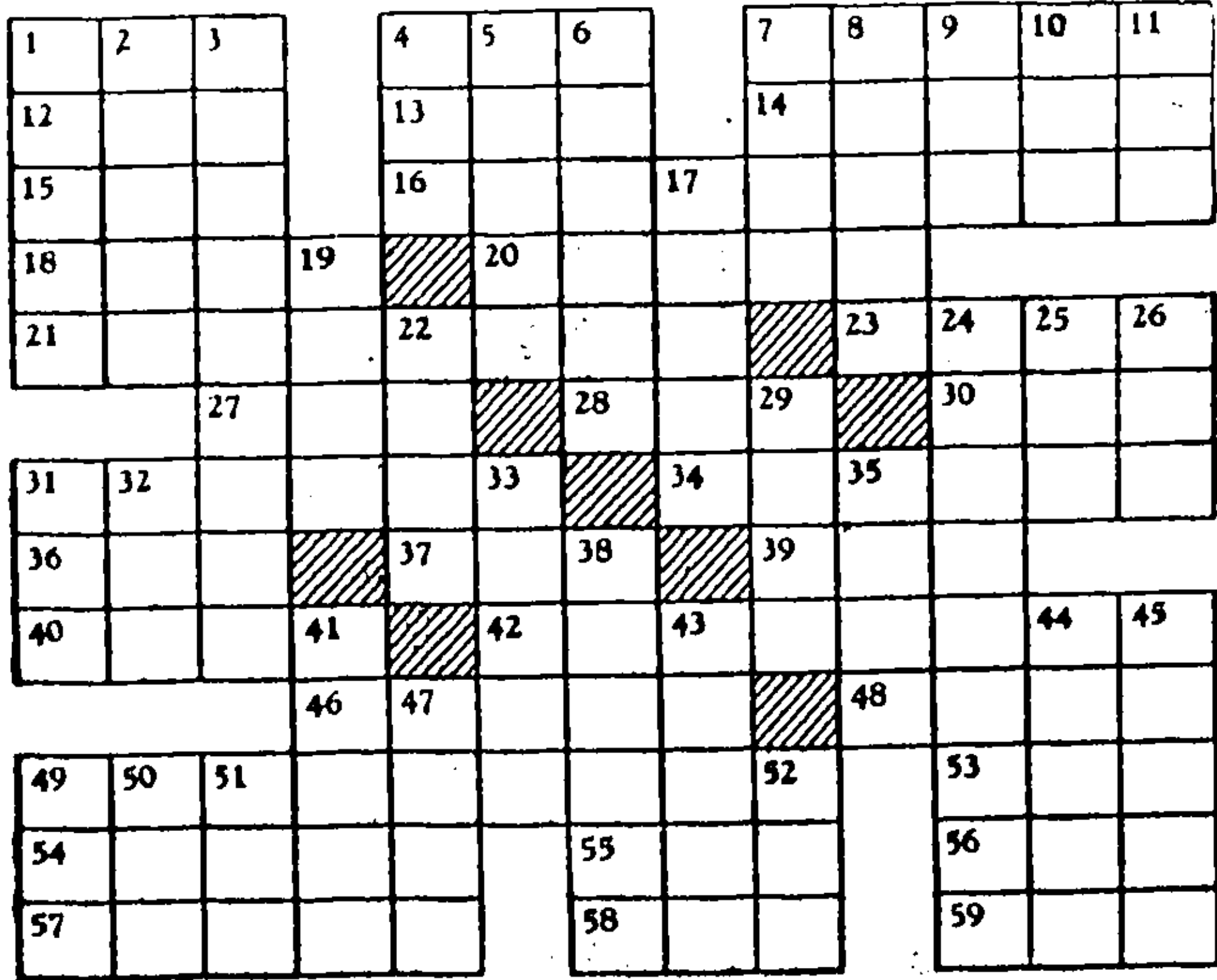
Mr. Barnett stated that accused was under his command in the Third Battery, H.K.V.D.C., and had visited him at the beginning of February in his Chambers with another member of the Battery to ask for a job.

Ko Kai-mei, pawnbroker, said he dealt with the pawning of the watch by accused. He recognised him as the man who pawned the watch when he came to pawn the shirt two days later.

Answering Mr. Silva, witness said he usually dealt with over 300 transactions daily. He agreed that accused was a person of common features.

The witness also agreed that it was quite possible for him to make a mistake, but accused, in his opinion, was the same type as the person who pawned the watch. At this stage, the case was adjourned.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Likely
- 4 Poisonous snake
- 7 Workers' union
- 12 To be mistaken
- 13 Pronoun
- 14 Region in French Congo
- 15 Tibetan gazelle
- 16 Clown
- 18 Length measure
- 20 French soldier
- 21 Silent
- 23 Imitation
- 30 Argument
- 37 Constellation
- 38 Lamprey
- 31 Head of a convent
- 34 To disprove
- 36 Split pulse
- 37 Greek letter
- 39 Foreo
- 40 War god
- 42 Consecrated
- 46 Harbours
- 48 To venture
- 49 Government in S. E. Russia
- 53 Mountain pass

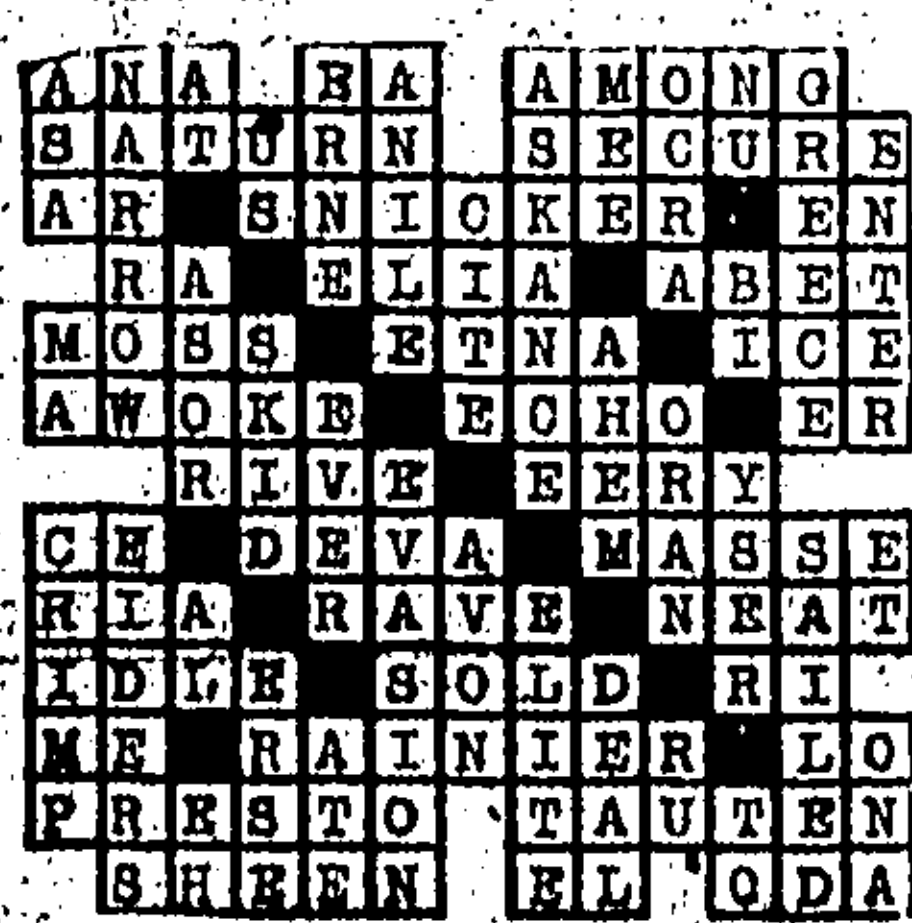
VERTICAL

- 1 Norse god
- 2 Prostrate
- 3 Tame
- 4 Ember
- 5 Outline
- 6 Elbula
- 7 Son of Adam

VERTICAL

- 8 Croquet
- 9 Greek letter
- 10 High priest
- 11 The American linden
- 17 Measure of capacity
- 19 To employ
- 22 Instance
- 24 Genus of 'shelled' arthropods
- 25 Warm
- 26 To be obliged to
- 29 Son of Jacob
- 31 Girl's name
- 32 To prohibit
- 33 Utterly
- 35 To discover
- 38 Triumphant song
- 41 Gay frolic
- 43 Japanese seaport
- 44 To eat away
- 45 Removes
- 47 Cereal grass
- 49 Mother of Peer Gynt
- 50 Cunning
- 51 Music: three
- 52 Snare

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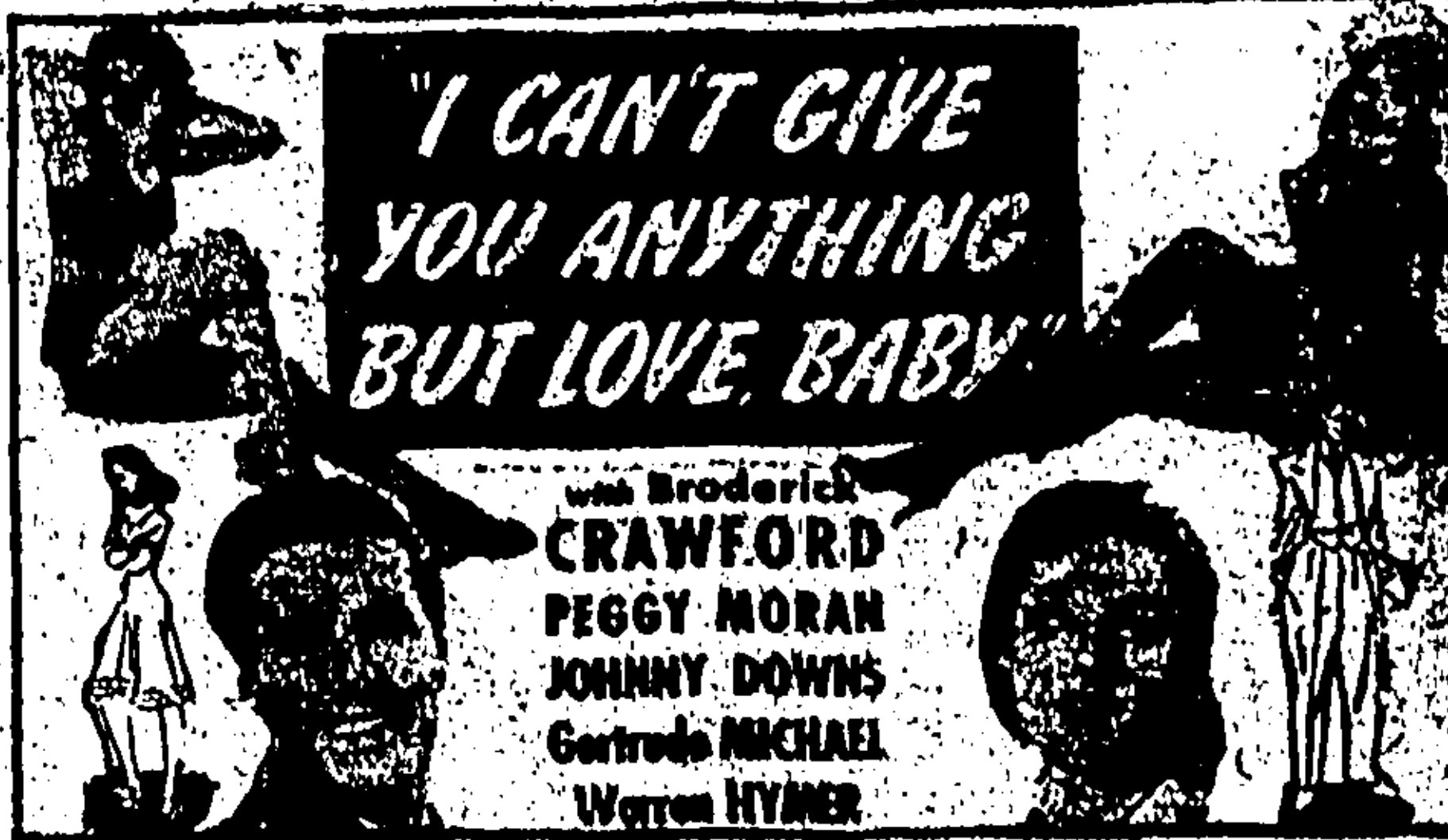
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TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED AND SEVERAL OTHERS DAMAGED DURING AN OFFENSIVE SWEEP OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS.

One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement.

Shipping off the French coast was attacked.

While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk, one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmidt 109's and damaged another.

They saw a formation of Messerschmidts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked.

One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed immediately and a general dog-fight broke out at various heights. — Reuter.

WOMEN GIVEN LONG TERMS

Two women, Yu Yuet-sau and Cheung Choi-lam, were to-day sentenced to three years' hard labour by Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal sessions, when they were guilty of possession of 70,300 heroin pills.

The jury was composed of Messrs. J. G. Mitchell (foreman), J. H. Bascombe, Mok Shui-che, C. E. Tavares, Chan Tse-ying, Hym Phoon and Chung Wai-tung.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, prosecuting, said that a party of revenue officers raided the ground floor of No. 50, Elgin Street on January 3. The door was opened by Yu who, on seeing the revenue officers, ran down the passage towards the kitchen shouting something to Cheung.

The second woman tried to close the door of the rear cubicle but was prevented and was seen to throw some keys out of the window. These keys were found to fit the front door and front cubicle. In the front room, a heroin factory was found.

When charged, first accused said she knew nothing and had been working at \$3 a month. Second accused said she was a cook.

The Crown sought to prove that Yu was the principal tenant and that Cheung had the keys of the room containing the heroin. It was contended that Yu told Cheung something when she shouted which caused her to try to get rid of the keys.

The jury did not retire, and, passing sentence, His Lordship said accused had been found guilty on the clearest evidence. He would not depart from the principle of the court laid down three years ago. Such crimes must be regarded as serious and the punishment meted out such as would deter others.

SHROFF'S LAPSE

SZETO TOI, ALIAS SZETO SING-KIU, 37, OF NO. 186, HENNESSY ROAD, WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, FOR FRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF \$6,288.56 IN CASH AND A \$300 CHEQUE, THE PROPERTY OF DODWELL AND COMPANY, LTD.

Defendant pleaded guilty, saying that he used half of the money to pay debts.

Det.-Sergt. A. F. Cochrane told the Court that defendant had been employed in the compradore department as a shroff for twenty years.

On January 11, he was given the money and a cheque to take

Italian Losses In Albania

Italian losses in Albania since the outbreak of hostilities total 122,000.

An Italian lieutenant-colonel recently captured gave this figure to the newspaper "Hellenikon Mellon," reports the London "Daily Telegraph" special correspondent at Athens.

The total was made up, said the colonel, of 27,000 killed, 66,000 wounded and 29,000 missing.

20,000 Prisoners

Italian prisoners in Greek hands total 20,000, including 551 officers, Athens radio announced last night.

Only 28 officers and 497 other ranks were sick or wounded when captured and were being cared for in Greek hospitals. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW POLICY FOR THAI

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON A NEW POLICY FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THAILAND.

The Overseas Minister, Kiyoshi Skita, announced this yesterday but declined to disclose the nature of the measures envisaged under the new policy. — Reuter.

THE PRESIDENT INTERVENES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday intervened in the drive to kill the proposed amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill designed to prevent the sending of a second American expeditionary force to Europe.

At his press conference the President readily conceded that he had discussed a number of amendments to the Bill in a talk with congressional leaders earlier in the day, including one which would specifically forbid the despatch of American troops beyond the western hemisphere or American possessions.

The President said it was obvious that the Administration did not want that kind of amendment to the Bill, which would change the Government's prescribed policy of giving Britain all aid short of war.

President Roosevelt arrived back in Washington yesterday from New York and immediately went into conference with the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace, Speaker Rayburn, House Majority Leader MacCarthy and Senator Barclay.

to the Bank. He failed to return. The Police were informed the same day, and a warrant was issued.

He was arrested in Anton Street yesterday afternoon, after an attempt to escape.

A sum of \$538, in banknotes, was found in his possession.

CHECK ON "SURPLUS" RATIONS

Britain's Food Controller, Lord Woolton, has come down with a heavy hand on people eating in hotels and restaurants where the food they get is additional to that allowed them under national rationing.

From March, a restaurant meal may only contain one of the following dishes: fish, meat, poultry, game, eggs and cheese. No mixture of poultry and meat or poultry and bacon will be permissible.

The celebrated English "eggs and bacon" may still go together but only one egg per meal will be permitted.

Both caterer and customer are liable to a fine or imprisonment for breach of the new order. The order may be varied for patients in hospitals and nursing homes. — Reuter.

FOR FINAL VICTORY

A MESSAGE IS TO BE SENT TO MR. CHURCHILL EXPRESSING THE ADMIRATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND VOICING HOPES OF FINAL VICTORY, SAYS THE "CHINESE-AMERICAN DAILY NEWS," CHINESE-LANGUAGE DAILY IN SHANGHAI.

Hundreds of Chinese sympathisers to the British cause are responding to the newspaper's appeal for signatures to the message, which states: "The Chinese people, under the national leadership of General Chiang Kai-shek, will not lay down arms until they have beaten Japan to her knees." — Reuter.

No Peace If Hitler Won

Meanwhile in the Senate, Senator Murray of Montana said that no peace could exist for the United States if Hitler wins the war while Senator Barkley declared that the survival of Britain was essential to the defence of America.

Colonel Henry Stimson, the Secretary of War, disclosed that since the evacuation of the British from Dunkirk, 895 French 75 millimetre guns and thousands of machine-guns and other guns have been transferred to Britain. — International News Service.

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WHEN HITLER THREATENS

Inside Germany or outside, no one in the world expects truth from Adolf Hitler. For eight years he has wielded absolute power over a people whose voice is submerged, as it was on Monday at the Beer Cellar by the mechanical clamour of the Party clique. In all that time there is not a single precedent to prove that he will either keep a promise or fulfill a threat. If there is any guarantee in his record, in fact, it is that the one thing he will not do is the thing he says he will do. For eight years he has been the sole and uncontradicted spokesman for Germany — and to-day the word of Germany is worthless.

Thus when Hitler proclaims in a loud voice, it is as if he had not spoken. When he warns that "every ship that comes within range of our torpedoes will be torpedoed," his warning will have no influence on the decisions the American Congress is now debating. There is nothing new or startling in this threat: the danger that American ships would be sunk if used either to deliver war materials or to convoy shipments to Britain was present in the American mind long before the discussion of the lend-lease bill. Hitler completely misunderstands British psychology if he imagines that this kind of talk will frighten us.

Nobody expects consistency from Hitler. Otherwise even the selected lot of cheer-leaders in the Beer Cellar might wonder as they clapped wildly at the announcement that with the Spring Herr Hitler's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of shove. Though they may wonder why he trusts to providence and not to his own right arm. It is interesting too that he admitted it would be a trial of strength. As far as they have known until now, the Germans were fighting the obsolete democratic system, rotten to the core. He can blame no one but himself if his warnings have as little meaning as his assurances.

In trying to compare the present situation with that in September, 1939, one is struck by three large and obvious facts, no one of which has produced the consequences which might have been expected. The overthrow of a government with a huge and apparently unshakable majority in the House of Commons and the instalment as Prime Minister of a private member who was the leader of no party and had scarcely even a firm group behind him, instead of producing violent conflicts and convulsions, has led to universal satisfaction and national unity. A year of almost unbroken reverses, including one disaster which the world in general considered absolutely fatal to our cause, instead of discouraging Great Britain, has left the nation more confident and full of fight than ever. And, so far as I can judge, the increased sufferings of the population under the brutalities of "totalitarian war," so far from engendering any faltering of resolve or any wild excesses of passion, has merely left our town populations, as the Prime Minister puts it, "grim and gay."

As for the change in the government, from the time when Mr. Churchill became leader of the nation he has shown new qualities of greatness which he had perhaps had no opportunity of showing before. He is far more than a great fighter; and the country irrespective of party feels it. England delights in his dogged courage and feels his frank good fellowship, it enjoys his majestic oratory, and is proud of his magnanimity. He is just the man to win again for England the testimonial which Napoleon gave her "the most consistent, the most implacable and the most generous of my enemies."

As for the war itself, the effect of the Petain collapse everywhere but in England was catastrophic. The only anti-German army in Europe had surrendered. The land of Liberty, Egalite, Fraternite had abandoned its principles and adopted fascism. There was no opposition to Hitler left, either material or intellectual. For England to continue fighting seemed mere folly, and criminal folly at that. Of course Europe as a whole thinks in terms of land armies and has never understood sea power. "The English Channel an obstacle," said an intelligent Swiss observer; "Twenty miles of water not half the length of the Lake of Geneva; a motor boat can cross it in half an hour." It is important for us to realise this condition of opinion in Europe. To win again any sort of confidence in our power to conquer, or even to resist Hitler, we had to start absolutely from zero.

Meantime on us ourselves the effect of these events had been quite different. No doubt the shock was terrific, the immediate dan-

ger serious, our relations with our one great ally shattered. Yet we ourselves had never been conscious of defeat. No doubt we had made a muddle in Norway, and the destruction of our allies had compelled us to retreat in Flanders, but we had always held our own in the actual fighting. Our

By
Gilbert Murray

armies returned from Dunkirk with the conviction that, man for man, they "were better than Jerry." The rescue of those 350,000 men seemed to Europe admission of defeat, a defeat which was just saved from being absolutely fatal; but our people felt it as a victory. The daring of the multitudes of small boats manned by civilian volunteers roused the enthusiasm of the average man more than many a purely military victory. No doubt, he felt, we had had shocking misfortunes, but still we had never been beaten. Moreover we still held the sea, more strongly than at the opening of the war. We had to make sure that the French Fleet was not going to be handed over to the enemy; a painful business, in which the unreasonableness was certainly not on our side; but when once that was over, we could breathe again.

There remained the threats of invasion. The ordinary uneducated Englishman knew of these threats and discounted them. They had been defeated before. Besides, while the enemy hesitated, we made our preparations stronger than ever and were not really afraid of invasion.

What we did fear was the German Air Force. Originally perhaps three times as numerous as ours, it was now increased by the whole Italian force and by many machines from France. The odds against us were terrific. Worse still, by his possession of the Channel port, the enemy had only twenty miles to fly to attack Dover, and only 120 to bomb London, while we had to fly some 200 to reach Cologne and another 300 before we could attack Berlin. And here the miracle happened. The amazing superiority of our own Air Force is a thing which no layman can understand; but which seems certainly to lie in the men as much as the machines. There are troubles still before us, but the Blitzkrieg of mass daylight attacks which were meant to annihilate our Air Force and clear the way for successful invasion ended in disastrous failure.

It does not follow that our confidence is justified. Many painful surprises may be in store for us. But the confidence exists; and meantime, in place of the great ally we have lost, the greatest power in the world is moving to

closer and closer cooperation with us both in material help and in political sympathy. The Canadian-American Alliance, the Anglo-American naval bases, the fifty destroyers and the host of volunteers, represent a diplomatic gain which more than outweighs the almost unrelieved ill-success of our diplomacy in Europe.

Meantime the new Axis Pact has done much to clarify the meaning of the whole conflict. A predatory bargain between three lawless aggressors to conquer three continents and divide the spoil inevitably makes the rest of the world their enemy. Not because we are Capitalists, or Conservatives, or Democrats, or Socialists, or Liberal Idealists or even Christians; not because of any particular creed or prejudice or "ideology," but simply because we are human beings. We do not want to be conquered, robbed of our possessions, privileges, liberties, of all that we value most among the slow achievements of civilisation. Besides, the present aggressors have not merely shown the ordinary and inevitable vices of aggressive powers. They have made a religion of their aggressiveness. They have ransacked history for crimes and inhumanities which they can quote as precedents. They have developed to its logical extreme the theory of totalitarian war. Conquest is the supreme purpose. War the supreme method.

It seems to me little better than triviality to say that we are fighting for any of the conflicting isms; or for "New Order" or an Economic Revolution or the like. We shall have no doubt to create a New Order, but we did not go to war for any such purpose. We went to war to save ourselves and the rest of the civilised world from the triumph of organised crime, and we are fighting now for everything that man holds sacred.

But can we in any case save it? "One more war in the west," said a recent Prime Minister, "and the civilisation of ages will fall with as great a crash as that of Rome." Is that proving true? Or, as another Prime Minister is said to have commented, do we find that "it could stand one or two, anyhow?" Let us try to face this problem coldly. The loss of life, as far as numbers go, is easily repaired. Within quite a few years after the last war, which was followed by a still more destructive pestilence, the population of the world was higher than in 1914. In quality the case is not so plain. In each country the brave and the strong. This war is picking out the most civilised races.

The economic and financial losses will be gigantic but, again, can be easily repaired. A war after all can only destroy the harvest of one year. Flocks and herds replenish themselves. As for capital goods, the manufacturing pow-

er of the world has long been greater than it can use; if we could imagine it used according to some reasonably public-spirited plan, without nationalistic maladjustments, it could in very few years make the wealth of the human race far greater than it has ever been. Nevertheless, the period of disorder and impoverishment which is sure to intervene will bring great dangers. It may lead to ruinous revolutions. It may, even without that, produce an equally deadly result, the destruction of the cultured Middle Class, on whom so much of the moral and intellectual guidance of a nation depends. It is the ruin of that class in Germany which made the brutalities of the Nazis possible.

Again, the prospect of economic recovery depends absolutely on the wisdom of economic policy in nations which have not been remarkable for it of late, especially Great Britain, the Dominions, and the United States. Every economist knows that, to avoid ruin, they must learn both to plan and to cooperate, with some degree of unselfish public spirit. The war will drive the lesson home, but may at the same time exasperate passions which will paralyse all reason. The Economic Committee of the League of Nations is, I believe, studying the problem of planning on a world scale in the interest of the whole. That is the only true way, if we have the wisdom to follow it.

Of the moral salvage it is difficult to speak, partly because of the diametrically opposite views so publicly and confidently expressed by writers of different schools. Most thoughtful people regard war as, in itself, a monstrous crime, and as leading to all sorts of moral disorder. Yet the average man in his romantic moods speaks of it as a school of heroism, of brotherhood, of self-sacrifice for an ideal. Similarly the one set of critics emphasise the miseries caused by war; the other points out the high spirits of the men in khaki, and note how often some fierce and mortal combat in the clouds is described by the victor as "the happiest moment in my life."

We can all of us understand, and even sympathise with, both of these sentiments. The truth is that war is a reversion to the primitive. Its heroism, its self-sacrifice, as well as its ferocities and terrors, are all well within the range of primitive man; one might almost say within that of the higher gregarious carnivora. A tigress will die for her young. Consequently it brings with it that thrill of release, of escape from the thin weary plodding ways of reason into the wide untrammelled rush of simple emotion, which naturally belongs to the primitive. This is what makes it so infinitely dangerous.

When the period of intense strain is over one wonders how much will remain of the high spirit of daring and sacrifice; how widely it may be followed by exhaustion, selfish weariness, and the callousness which is bred by familiarity with cruel and evil things. How far shall we find that the standard has permanently fallen, not only in things intellectual but in the prosaic virtues of self-control, moderation, honesty, diligence and care for truth which form the base of a high civilisation? Some such disturbances there is sure to be, and that at a time when the world will be in desperate need of all the wisdom it can muster.

The need will indeed be desperate. One may well look forward with comparative confidence as far as the Armistice which must close this war, but tremble at the prospect which will then open. We know in the main outline what ought to be done. The nations of Europe must be set free but cannot be left in anarchy. No one power can be trusted to rule the rest; therefore there must be some international authority strong enough to maintain the law and prevent resort to violence, and representative enough to inspire confidence. If communities wish to live in peace they must live as good neighbours and honest citizens. The "Principles of the Covenant" remain, as the British Government stated in its last address to the League of Nations Assembly, the only basis on which civilisation can be built. The problem is not whether they are true but simply how to make them effective.

The eminent French historian, Elie Halevy, once said to me in a troubled period of our history that he saw in front of the British Empire five great problems, any one of which might well be fatal to an ordinary nation; but England, he thought, would overcome them.

SMITH YATES MAKES HIS OFFICIAL BOW



WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE

COLONY URGED TO FINANCIAL CAUTION

Chairman's Review At Hong Kong Bank Meeting

Free China's Internal Problems

AN ADMIRABLE WARNING AGAINST FACILE POLITICAL SPECULATION AND A BASIS FOR SOUND AGNOSTICISM TOUCHING THE PRESENT, AND CONSEQUENTLY THE FUTURE, OF THE POLITICS OF THE FAR EAST, WAS THE DESCRIPTION APPLIED TO THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED, HELD AT NOON TO-DAY.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson presided, and he gave the customary broad review of financial, economic and political conditions in the spheres of the Bank's operations.

THE BANK'S CHAIRMAN urged economy as a watchword for the Hong Kong Government and said that future commitments should be scrutinised with great care.

On the situation in Free China, the Chairman mentioned the existence of danger spots, although "confident that with the foreign assistance which is now being made available, these internal affairs will be tackled in a manner which will avoid any serious setback to China's powers of resistance.

The Chairman said, Ladies & Gentlemen, I regret to have to record the death since our last Annual Meeting of Mr. A. C. Hynes, who was Chief Manager from 1927 to 1930, and of Mr. E. J. Davies less than two weeks ago. Mr. Davies was well known to many of you here and his death while still Joint Manager in London causes a real loss to the Bank.

After making full provision for losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amount to \$13,999,869.99, an increase of about \$7 lacs compared with the previous year. After deducting the interim dividend paid at 1/2, 7/8, and Director's remuneration and including \$5,411,329.55 brought forward from last year, there remains for distribution \$10,876,745.77 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—To pay a final dividend of £2.10/- per share subject to deduction of Income Tax \$6,453,781.51; Transfer to Bank Premises Account \$1,000,000; Carry forward to New Account \$3,422,964.26.

While there is no very great change in the total of our balance sheet, there are quite considerable changes in the individual items on either side.

Changes In Accounts

On the liabilities side there is a substantial increase of \$72 millions in Current Account Balances which is largely offset by decreases of \$32 millions in Fixed Deposits and \$24 millions in Bills Payable.

On the other side, holdings of Cash and Bills have increased by \$32 millions and \$52 millions respectively, against which Securities and Loans show declines of \$30 millions and \$36 millions respectively brought about by the necessity of keeping a liquid position owing to the war and the many pitfalls in finance which war brings in its train.

By the proposal to write down our Premises Account by a further one million dollars, that account will be brought to the lowest figure shown since our Balance Sheet of 1922. We feel this is a wise precaution seeing that a considerable amount of our property is in danger zones.

European Scene

During the year, changes have occurred in Europe which no-one could possibly have foreseen. There was the invasion of Denmark and Norway in April, followed by the invasion of Belgium and the Netherlands in May; the epic evacuation of Dunkirk; the Italian entry into the war; the collapse of France; the vandalism of the bombings of England; the Italian invasion of Greece; the latter's magnificent counter-attack and recently our own armies' brilliant exploits in North Africa which have had a most heartening effect in the East. Such are the highlights of events unparalleled in our times which bring home to us as nothing else can how precarious a world this is.

Our London office is carrying on unscathed in the direct line of the

war and the fall of France of course meant the withdrawal of the British members of our staff at Lyons; otherwise our branch offices have not been affected. Here in Hong Kong, in Shanghai and in Singapore, where our three main offices are situated, results have been satisfactory in spite of abnormal conditions, and in other countries our branches have not met any serious complications until recently in Japan, as I will mention later on.

Far East Developments

Developments in the Far East have followed the course which careful observers expected and foretold two or three years ago. They perceived that the trend of events would bring increasingly serious obstacles to trade. But optimists can rightly claim that trade has not in fact proved so bad as recent political developments seemed to foreshadow. Both the pessimist and the optimist can claim to be right. If you look back at some of your former Chairman's Speeches you will be surprised how often there have been gloomy stories about "unprecedented difficulties", "adverse circumstances", "abnormal conditions", "uncertain outlook" and so on. Yet if you, as a man of some years' experience in the East, yourself think back and recall the many turbulent periods of the last two or three decades, and then look at ports like Hong Kong and Shanghai and their trade and shipping returns, you will realise that the upward curve of progress has shown a continual advance.

Dictators and others with perverted ideas may slow the movement down, but on the disappearance of them and their like the rate of advance will again at once accelerate to make up for lost time.

No-one would, however, be so bold as to claim that the graph of prosperity is at this particular moment pointing upwards at Shanghai or Hong Kong. The foreign trade figures for China in 1940 are at first sight amazing, even allowing for inflated war-time prices of goods and for exchange depreciation. But for many reasons, some of which were mentioned here last year, it is almost impossible to make a reliable estimate of the real value of China's trade in terms of gold or sterling currencies. Smuggling, exchange and trade controls, unrecorded imports and exports (which must have reached big proportions), variations in the methods of valuing goods, the employment of special exchange rates linking imports to exports and so on, all affect the issue. One even finds considerable difficulty in dealing with a single port like Shanghai; some of the anomalies disappear but other complications arise.

Unhealthy Feature

One unhealthy feature stands out clearly. Shanghai last year imported from abroad large quantities of native products which the

hinterland can normally provide. For example, not only in value but also in quantities the imports to that port of rice, cotton, coal, tobacco, sugar, flour and artificial silk in 1940 were all higher than in 1936, the last normal year. In that year cotton, cereals, tobacco and coal accounted for only 13% of import values. In 1940 they accounted for over 51%. Meanwhile the export position is clouded over by monopolies, controls and extraneous influences which naturally have a serious effect on the balance of trade and on currency exchange.

In view of their bearing on exchange and trade balances, I should here mention the various credits and loans which China has received during the year from foreign sources. Detailed particulars have not been made public, but you must be aware that such loans were made chiefly for political reasons.

The published announcement dealing with the most recent of the United States loans showed that the donors were desirous that "arrangements for purposes of monetary protection and management" (the words actually used) should be completed.

That is satisfactory so far as it goes but that is all the information which is at present available.

Shanghai Exchange

The Shanghai Foreign Exchange Market in 1940 fluctuated between a high mark of 4.29/32 pence and 8.1/16 U.S. cents, which points were touched in January, and a low mark of 3 pence and 4.31/32 U.S. cents in May. The year ended with rates about 3.1/2 pence and 5.1/2 U.S. cents. The Stabilisation Fund continued to carry out its stabilising operations as necessary and, considering that the proceeds of exports are being largely monopolised both by the authorities in the occupied and unoccupied parts of China, it is remarkable that the value of the Chinese currency has been maintained with so little difficulty.

The establishment of the new Central Reserve Bank in Nanking on January 6, 1941 and in Shanghai on January 20th had little serious effect on the Shanghai Exchange Market, but it cannot be gainsaid that the establishment of this Bank, coupled with the existing currency situation in North China, has made for uneasiness since it is feared that further measures may follow. All the leading banking interests in the Far East lay stress on the importance of the continuation of the existing free market at Shanghai. Any rash action, precipitating its closure or tending to its restriction, whether from Chungking or Nanking, might result in unfortunate reactions not only in Shanghai itself but also in China generally.

Customs Revenue

The record Revenue collection of the Chinese Maritime Customs has been welcomed perhaps too effusively by those who have not studied the situation sufficiently carefully. Although a record in terms of Chinese dollars, the figure of 476 millions represents only about seven & three quarter million pounds as the average rate of the year, whereas the previous year's collection of 331 millions was equivalent to about eight & a quarter million pounds, and the average value in Sterling over the ten years prior to the Sino-Japanese conflict was no less than 19 million pounds.

Moreover, owing to the continuance of the Sino-Japanese conflict, the position of the foreign loans has in no way improved in the past year. Quotas in Chinese dollars are still set aside by the National Government in the Cen-

tral Bank of China to cover their estimated shares of both the Customs and Salt Loans. These quotas are based on the proportion which unoccupied China might be regarded as liable if quotas were also provided by the occupied parts of China. It must be remembered that such sums are estimated by working out the amount of Chinese dollars due, at the former official sterling rate of 1/2, 1/4, to meet scheduled loan payments. Actually the sums deposited in the Central Bank of China last year averaged only about 11% of the sums so due.

Japanese Account

Various unofficial statements have been made by members of the Nanking regime to the effect that a portion of the Customs funds deposited in the Yokohama Specie Bank in occupied ports has similarly been earmarked for foreign loan payments, but so far as we are aware such statements have never been confirmed. Last year your Chairman estimated that \$380 million lay in the Yokohama Specie Bank on Customs account.

By now that figure must have been doubled, but if and when the dollar quotas are released to the Chinese Government by the Yokohama Specie Bank, there will still remain the exchange problem, that is to say, the problem of how to obtain the requisite amount of foreign currencies.

There has, however, been no repudiation of the pre-conflict foreign issues, neither by the Chinese Government nor by the authorities controlling the Customs funds in the occupied areas, and the problem of exchange may not be so difficult for China as for other countries when the world gets back to normal.

One beacon of hope to bondholders is the continuance of the Customs Administration, in the form in which it has existed for so many years, under the able guidance of Sir Frederick Maze, the Inspector-General. Fortunately it seems to have been generally realised that undue interference with the established principles of the Customs Administration would result in unfavourable repercussions which would outweigh possible advantages. There is to my mind little doubt that Sir Frederick Maze himself is largely responsible for this satisfactory state of affairs, and his eminent services will no doubt be more clearly recognised when the smoke of conflict clears away.

Salt Monopolies

The Salt Administration is, unfortunately, by no means so well placed as the Customs Administration. In the areas it controls it has had its task cut out to ensure that adequate supplies of Salt are distributed to the unoccupied areas of China. Meanwhile in occupied China little information has been made public as to how Salt Revenues are collected and employed. It appears, however, that Japanese-controlled Salt Companies have monopolies in the production and distribution of Salt and that Japan is now taking large quantities of Salt from North China to replace supplies from elsewhere which have been cut off as a result of the war.

Alone of all the Chinese Railway Loans the Peking-Mukden Railway Loan (known as the Chinese Imperial Railway 5 per cent. Gold Loan of 1899) is still up to date with coupon and amortisation payments, and its earnings remain excellent. The Manchurian authorities have, however, found difficulty in obtaining sterling exchange. Some of the British railway staff have been paid off but their treatment was decidedly nigardly and caused a good deal of dissatisfaction.

In West China progress has been made on the early stages of the railways running North and West of Kunming, but the severance of communications with Indo-China naturally cut off the only feasible route for the supply of heavy materials. Some work has been done on the Hengyang-Kweilin Railway and also on the Western end of the Lunghai line. The railways under the control of Japanese companies, namely the Central China Railway Company, south of the Yangtze (but excluding the railways centred on Hankow) and the North China

Railway Company, north of the Yellow River, are apparently operating with a fair amount of regularity. However, the Railway bondholders are also unlikely to receive consideration until political conditions become normal.

Japanese Drive

In addition to the Japanese-controlled railway companies in East and North China, you are of course aware that a whole network of Japanese-operated companies are active in those areas. The North China Development Company is a large controlling concern operating 18 subsidiary companies (there may be more by now). These control Transportation, Wharves, Cotton Growing, Mining, Salt Production, Telegraphs, Power Stations and so on. The Central China Development Company concerns itself with similar operations in the Yangtze Valley, and in addition with Silk production and filatures, River and Coastal Steamships, Fish Marketing and Real Estate. Many if not most of these companies have monopoly trading rights; some of them make profits but others are handicapped by shortage of equipment and local difficulties.

I will not elaborate the obvious effect of these developments on foreign firms. You may have read an illuminating statement published a little time ago by the Tientsin American Chamber of Commerce commenting on the much quoted phrase of Mr. Matsuo, "we shut the open door nowhere to none." Other organisations, both British and American, have been equally frank, and I need do no more than refer you to the last Annual Report of the China Association, and to the Speech of the Chairman at the last annual meeting of the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce.

Shanghai's Troubles

This is not the occasion to refer in detail to Shanghai's Municipal and other problems, but I feel that you will wish me to say how much we sympathise with that great city in its embarrassments and with the Chairman and Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal Council who have both narrowly escaped the hands of assassins during the past year. Restrictions on the movement from the interior of rice, that very important item in the Chinese diet, and of other native produce, which were potent factors in causing exchange to fall, have driven up the cost of living over 250 points since January 1940; the price of rice increased 120 per cent. in the year and over 600 per cent. since the Sino-Japanese conflict commenced in 1937. This has naturally led to higher costs all round and particularly to demands for increases of pay and so brought financial embarrassment to the Municipal Council. The latter's powers of taxation being restricted by the Shanghai Land Regulations, they have been forced to ask authority from ratepayers for a considerable increase in rates rather than to adopt other forms of taxation or subsidies.

I am afraid that a proper solution of the Shanghai problem in all its aspects can only come when the political problems of the Far East are solved.

In the meantime let us hope that there will be a realisation of the vital importance on humanitarian and common sense grounds of reasonable compromise for the maintenance of peace, order and the livelihood of the large population of that cosmopolitan city.

Chungking Finance

There are many important problems facing the National Government at Chungking but it would take too long to deal with them here. There is the undivided financial and budgetary position of the Chinese Government; the serious economic problem it is facing—especially in regard to food prices and distribution (rice is about ten times the pre-war price in Chungking); there are the difficulties of communications, concerning which the state of the Burma Road is of urgent importance; the complicated relations with the communist armies, which give rise to periodical friction as at the present time; there are the interesting industrial and mining

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POLISH "ACE" EVENS ACCOUNT WITH THE NAZIS

A HOT COMPETITION is going on in the Royal Air Force now operating on several fronts — over Germany and the Continent, over Britain, over Albania, over Africa.

Two or three lucky men have put their personal "bag" above the twenty mark. Certain squadrons have passed the double century.

Besides these local affairs, we are now running test matches. The Aussies and the South Africans are playing off a terrific series month by month in North Africa and clawing down Savoias and Capronis and Bredas and Fiats in a breakneck "best of five" matches.

There is an airfield on foreign soil which shall be forever England where an all-Black squadron of New Zealanders competes daily against British fighters for an antique silver cup dug out of some local ruins while making Ack-Ack defences. The cup (which changes hands almost every night) goes to the side which has shot down most attackers during the day's games in the clouds.

And still the all-England players in the home skies form a team worthy of an Iliad.

The pilots' room was buzzing the other night, with the story of one of those single-handed exploits.

Fought Nazis At Warsaw

A Polish pilot had died that day; but it was not sorrow, but pride, that rang in the hushed voices telling his tale.

He was an officer in the Polish Air Force in 1939, and when the Germans besieged Warsaw he was in charge of a squadron of British-built fighters that tried to defend the city from aerial massacre.

Outnumbered by forty and fifty to one, the Poles fought to the end, and this officer was the last man to fly in defence of the shambles below. One by one he saw his comrades shot out of the sky; still the dark hordes of bombers came, though scores blazed on the ground.

At last, he faced the destroying fleets alone. He never told how many German aircraft he shot down but we know his bag must have been astounding, because, after he had made his escape from Poland and later joined the R.A.F., we saw him in action.

Not until he had been several months over here did any other details of his story come out. Then, in odd words, grunted assents and inferences, it was understood that he had spent thirty-six hours trying to dig out his mother, father, wife and 4-year-old son from beneath ruins, blazing all along one side, that had collapsed on them as they tried to hide from the rain of German explosives from the skies.

The child died first; then the two old people. When he had got through a hand to touch his wife, and pass her some water, more wall collapsed, injuring his arms, and entombing the young wife in a final silence. He never got her out.

Believed Chance Would Come

He had a strange belief—almost a mania. He said that a certain Major von Epp was in charge of the German bombers that pitilessly smashed Warsaw, systematically flying to and fro over it. He said he would know this man by the way he handled his aircraft in attack, and he said he would meet the German again in air battle.

His personal "bag" was sixteen enemy machines when, during the early evening, at the beginning of a recent great attack on London, his section took the air. They got into a very big mass fight with scores of Heinkels and Messerschmitts, and from the beginning it was obvious that the Pole had picked out one for himself, apparently the leader of the raiders.

No doubt about it, the German could fly. It seemed at times as if the main battle stood still to watch the whirling of those two machines, out on the edge of the mob, where they had plenty of skyroom. The German, flying a

big Heinkel bomber, accepted the challenge right from the start. Despite his heavier aircraft, he gave back round for round, and more. Every one of his gun-nests flamed as the fighter wheeled about him.

Twice the Pole tried to ram, and failed by inches.

Both Machines Crash

Each machine had been hit several times. Later, the Heinkel's fuselage was found riddled like a colander, and one wing had fifty-four bullet holes. A shell from the German hit the tip of the British machine's wing, and tore away several feet of covering, leaving naked ribs. Early in the fight the Pole was wounded in the left shoulder.

The end came with startling suddenness. Another of those savage attempts to ram caught the Heinkel just as it tried to turn, sheared away its port wing close to the body, buckled up the attacker like a kicked can, and sent them both rolling over and over into the abyss.

They came down within twenty yards of each other, and from among the ruins of the black bomber one figure painfully clambered, limping frightfully, with one leg dragging. It took a hop or two toward the smashed fighter that had done the damage.

Then, from the fighter's cockpit came the harsh chatter of an automatic. The limping German stopped, crumpled slowly, and fell.

The Pole was still alive when they got to him.

"That is von Epp," he gasped. "You can know him duelling out across his left cheek."

And he closed his eyes and went to sleep comfortably, for the last time. He was smiling, but the dreadful, cruel bitterness had all gone out of it.

There was an old duelling scar across the German's cheek, and, apart from wounds got in the sky combat, he had eight bullets in his chest from his enemy's automatic. Letters and personal items on the body showed that the name was Karl von Epp.

R.A.F. GIVES NO PEACE

Italian camps and motor transport in Albania were heavily bombed by the R.A.F. on Monday, states an announcement from British Headquarters in Greece broadcast over Athens radio last night.

Camps along the Tepelini-Valona road were attacked while transport on the road from Klissoura and troop transports at Dukaj were heavily bombed.

The R.A.F. carried out these operations without suffering any losses.—Reuter.

TWINS LAND IN NEXT GARDEN

TWINS, AGED EIGHTEEN MONTHS, HAD A REMARKABLE ESCAPE WHEN A BOMB FELL IN A TOWN IN THE HOME COUNTIES AND WRECKED A BUNGALOW IN WHICH THEY WERE SLEEPING.

During a frantic search a child was heard crying in a neighbouring garden. Further search resulted in both children being found lying almost side by side, covered by the roof of the bungalow.

Neither of the twins suffered any serious hurt.

JAPANESE NAVAL MISSION IN GERMANY

A Japanese naval delegation, under Vice-Admiral Nomura, arrived in Berlin yesterday, says the official German news agency.

The delegation is to stay several months in Germany.—Reuter.

INCIDENT ON SHIP

MR. J. F. WALTERS, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE S.S. KAU TUNG, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING FOR ASSAULTING PAU PO-KWAN, JUNIOR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT, ON FEBRUARY 16.

Mr. D. L. Strellett pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant. Complainant, in evidence, said he was on duty on board the S.S. Kau Tung on the morning of February 16, standing at the gangway. His instructions were not to let any person leave the ship without a permit or a pass. When defendant tried to leave, he asked for his pass, but defendant paid no heed. When he asked for the pass a second time, he alleged, defendant struck him with his fist. A colleague came to his assistance and held defendant by the arms. Mr. J. R. Poye, another official of the Immigration Department, stopped the incident. The case is proceeding.

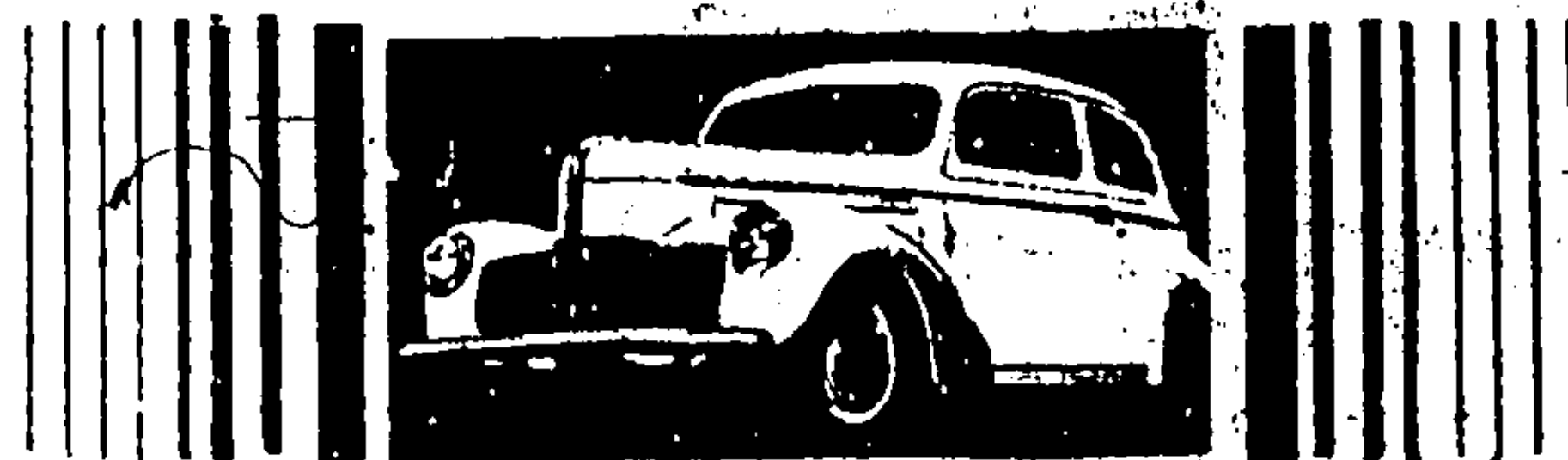
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS GIFT

The Australian Red Cross is sending £10,000 and £15,000 worth of goods to China in response to a request for assistance, says Reuter from Melbourne.

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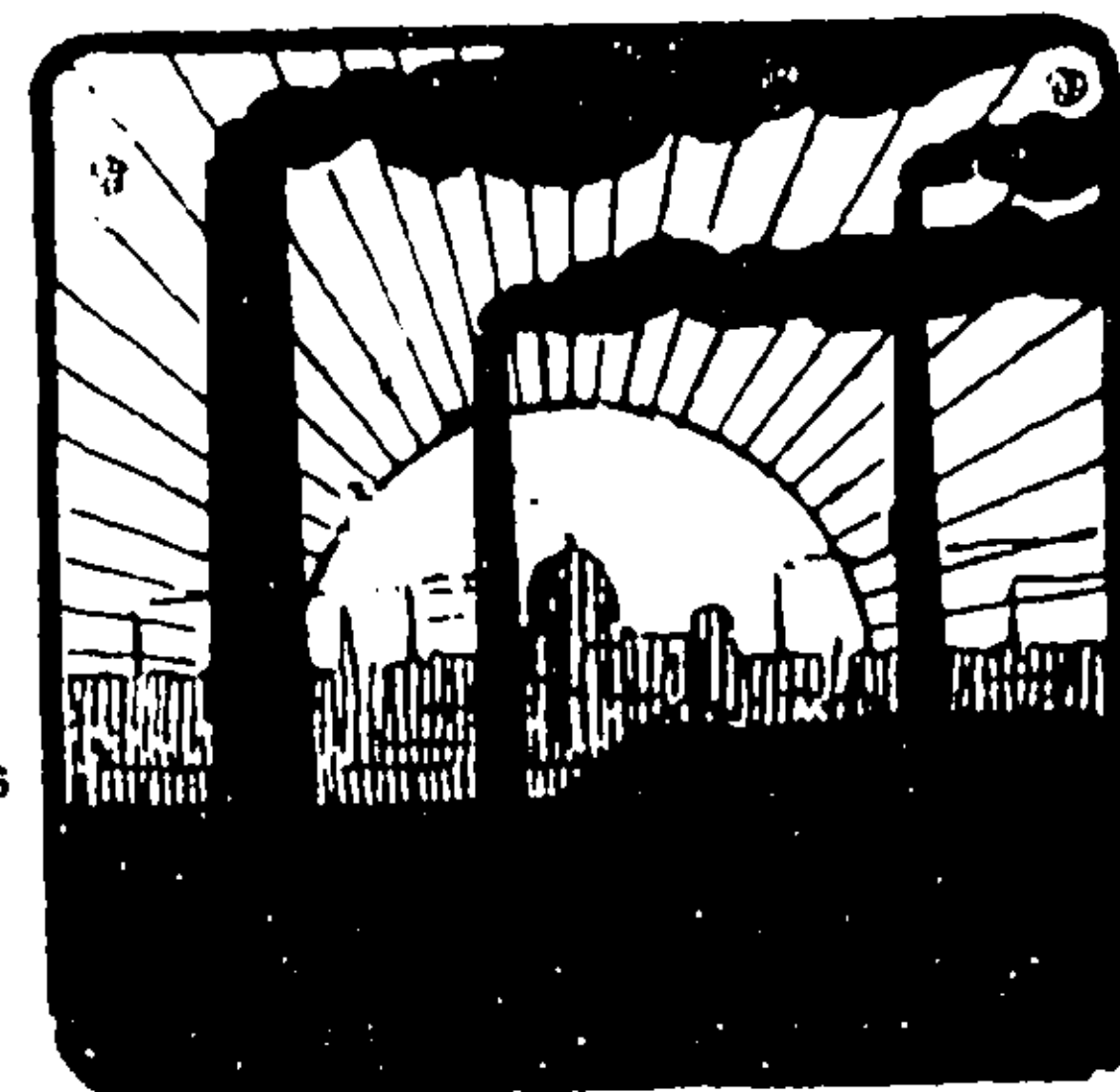


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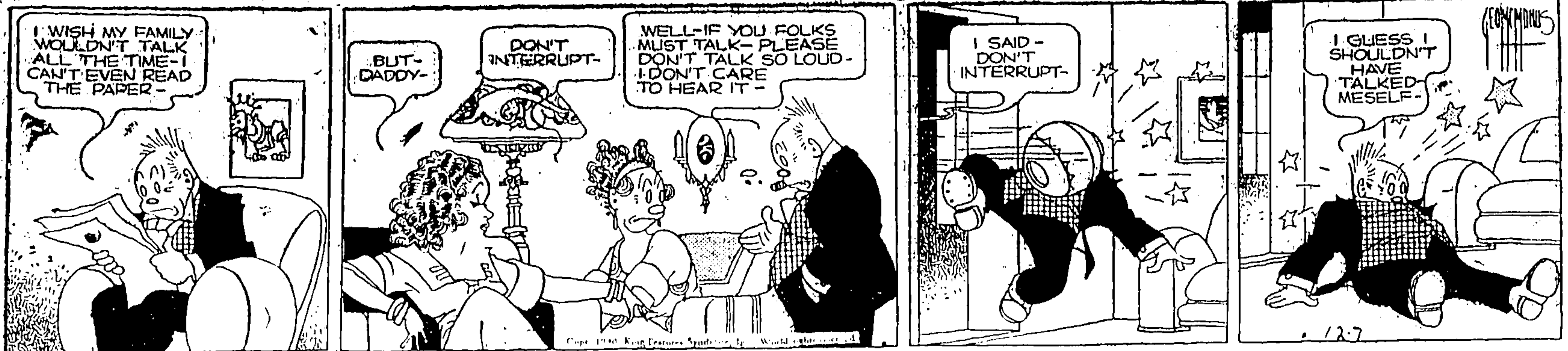
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Health Reducing Menus

Many women who would like to reduce have not the patience to follow a planned thirty-day reducing diet, or are so busy that they cannot concentrate on prescribed menus. For these women, here are a few valuable suggestions which are easily memorised and which actually work wonders if followed consistently.

It is not necessary to eat meat, unless your physician tells you differently. But you must eat some protein. Protein is found in cheese, nuts, eggs, most beans and fish. Gelatin, wheat germ and the avocado pear are also considered substitutes for meat. Instead of eating meat, eat one of the above with your largest daily meal.

In modern, well-balanced menus there is no place for heavy sauces or rich desserts. Just avoid them and you not only will keep slim but you will grow healthier. Vegetables and fruits should be eaten raw in salads, or steamed when cooked. Drink your milk skimmed, but do drink milk unless you are allergic to it.

Forget about in-between meal snacks unless you eat very lightly at mealtime. If your meal is light, then you are allowed a cup of fruit or vegetable juice, or you may munch on a crisp piece of celery or carrot.

Think "Slim"

You were perhaps raised on the theory that you require "three good meals per day." Just forget you ever heard of that. You do need three meals a day but they need not be heavy meals if they are well balanced.

One famous nutritionist has had great success with the theory that approximately 60% of your food should consist of vegetables and fruits and juices of both; 20% should be protein preferably in protein except meat; 10% of starch and sweet foods, which include fruits for desserts, honey and brown sugar for sweetening,



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natural syrups, whole grains, wild rice, baked potatoes, chestnuts and lima beans. And your fat and oil intake should be no more than the remaining 10%.

Perhaps it will be difficult for you at first to figure percentages of menus but if you will bear in mind that over half your food should be vegetables and fruits and less than one-fourth protein,

and only one-tenth sweets and starches you will fare pretty well.

Keep Colon Clean

The most important step in reducing scientifically and successfully is in keeping your colon clean. You should exercise sufficiently and eat regularly so that you have a normal movement or two each day. Chronic constipation not only creates excess weight, but it encourages poor health, unlovely skin and a lethargy which takes the joy out of living! Once you learn to balance your menus and to eat just enough, you should have little trouble.

CANTON WOMEN'S MEETINGS

The Canton Women's International Club, Hong Kong Branch, will hold their monthly meeting to-morrow at the Hong Kong Women's International Club rooms, Gloucester Building. The time has been changed to 3.30 p.m. A Portuguese programme will be presented, arranged through the kindness of Mr. D. O. Silver.

Mr. E. Moreton will speak on "Present Day Portugal." Musical numbers have been arranged by Miss Aurea Baptista. Tea will be served with special Portuguese novelties.

The March meeting will be an International evening with programme items from each nationality, to entertain husbands and men friends, ending with a buffet supper of international foods. The April meeting will be given by the Parsee women of the club, on the interesting aspects of Parsee history and the part played by women. The May meeting will be the traditional May luncheon, with the installation of new officers.

for and receive suitable instruction.

The cases of three boys, whose fathers are dead, were also considered. Their ages range from 11 to 13 years, and it was agreed that the matter be discussed with the St. Louis Industrial School, for entry, if possible, into that institution in order that the boys may be taught a trade.

Many children are maintained by the Society at various homes and institutions, and the need for wider public support in order that the Society's work may be extended is a very pressing one.

It was unanimously agreed that an invitation be sent to Dr. G. Graham Cumming to join the Executive Committee.

GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

Gifts for aircraft purchase from India and South Africa are among those acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

The people of Orissa, India, have sent £5,000 increasing their total gifts to £20,000.

From Transkeian Territory, Cape Province, South Africa, comes a further gift of £3,200.

The Norwegian Planes Fund formed by Norwegians in South Africa and South Africans of Norwegian descent has reached a total of £14,000, which is to be forwarded to Lord Beaverbrook. British Wireless, London, has

S.P.C. WORK FOR POOR

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, it was reported that \$4,234 was collected on the Flag Day organised by the Women's Auxiliary.

News cases treated at the Society's centres in January totalled 25, involving 308 children, while 16 cases under supervision totalled 1672.

A very successful party for poor children was held in the Majestic theatre on 25th. January, at which over 800 were entertained and given small gifts. The Society is most grateful to the management of the theatre and to the Fries and Trading Co., The Wing On Co., Ltd. and The On Lok Yuen Co. The Society's Inspectors did excellent work in assisting in the organisation.

The poignant case of a blind child of 13 years of age, who had been cruelly exploited as a street beggar for some months, was reported. The Committee decided to place the child in the Italian convent where she will be cared

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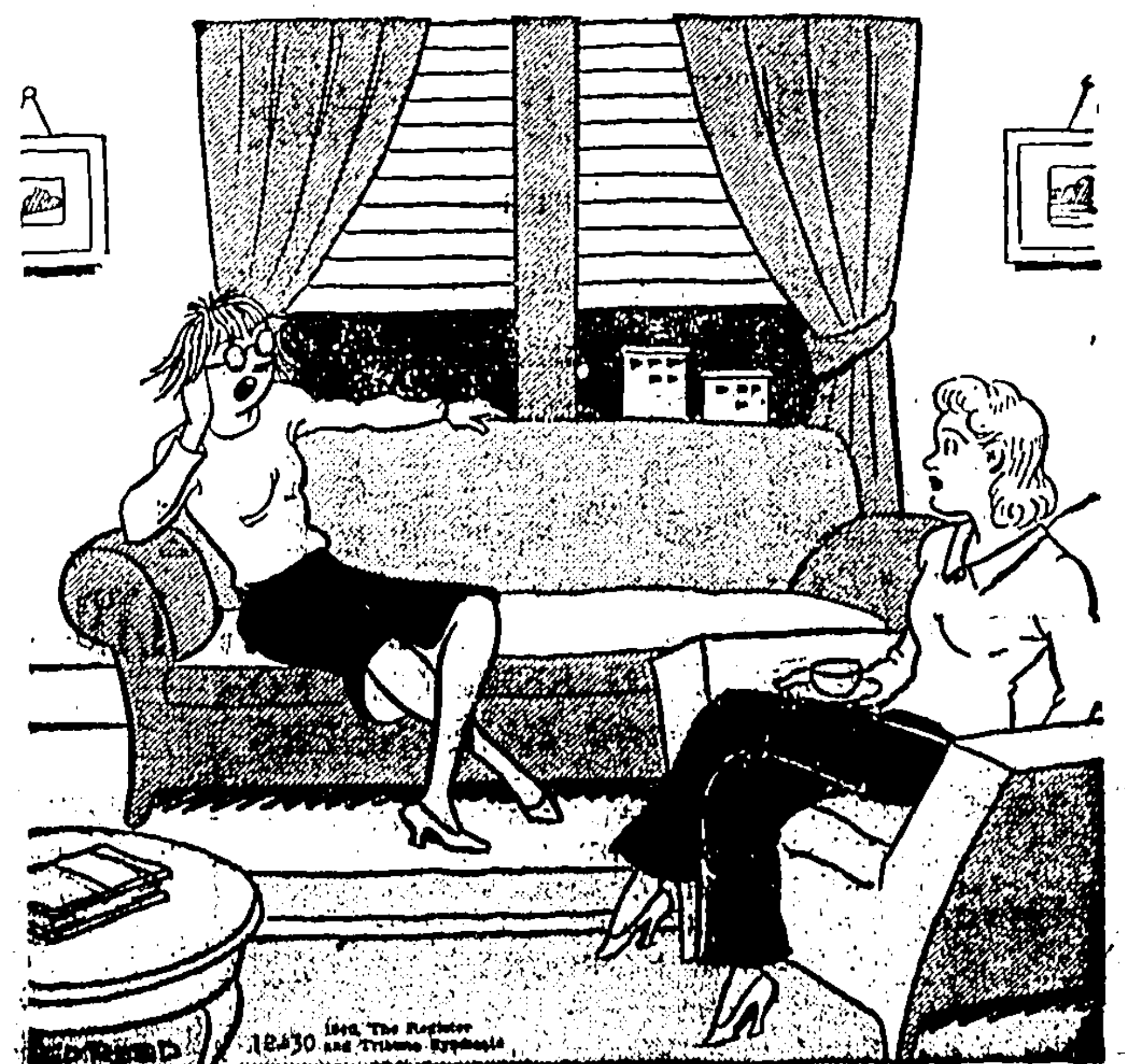
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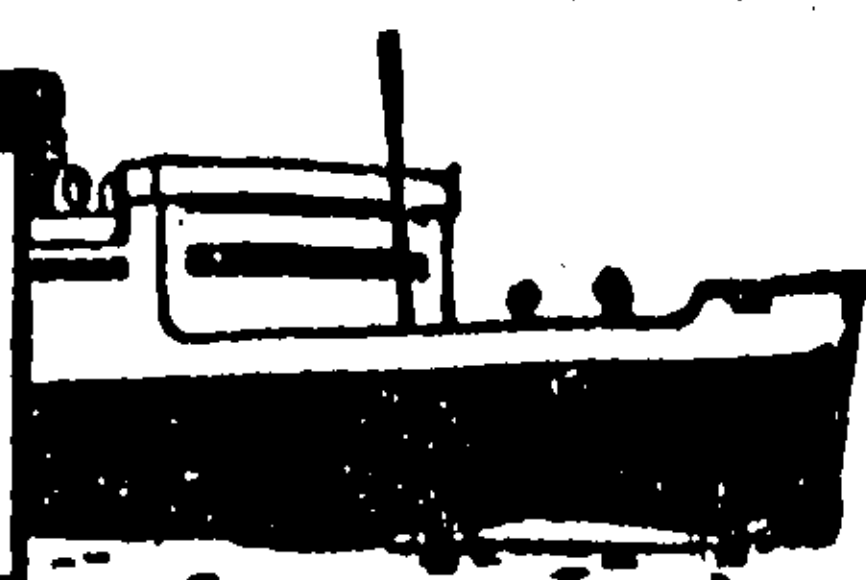
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
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ments.

1.45 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
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6.32 p.m.—A Light French Programme
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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the
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7.30 p.m.—Eric Coates' "Cinderella"
Suite and Songs by Hubert Elsdell.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
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8.03 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 4
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8.55 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) playing
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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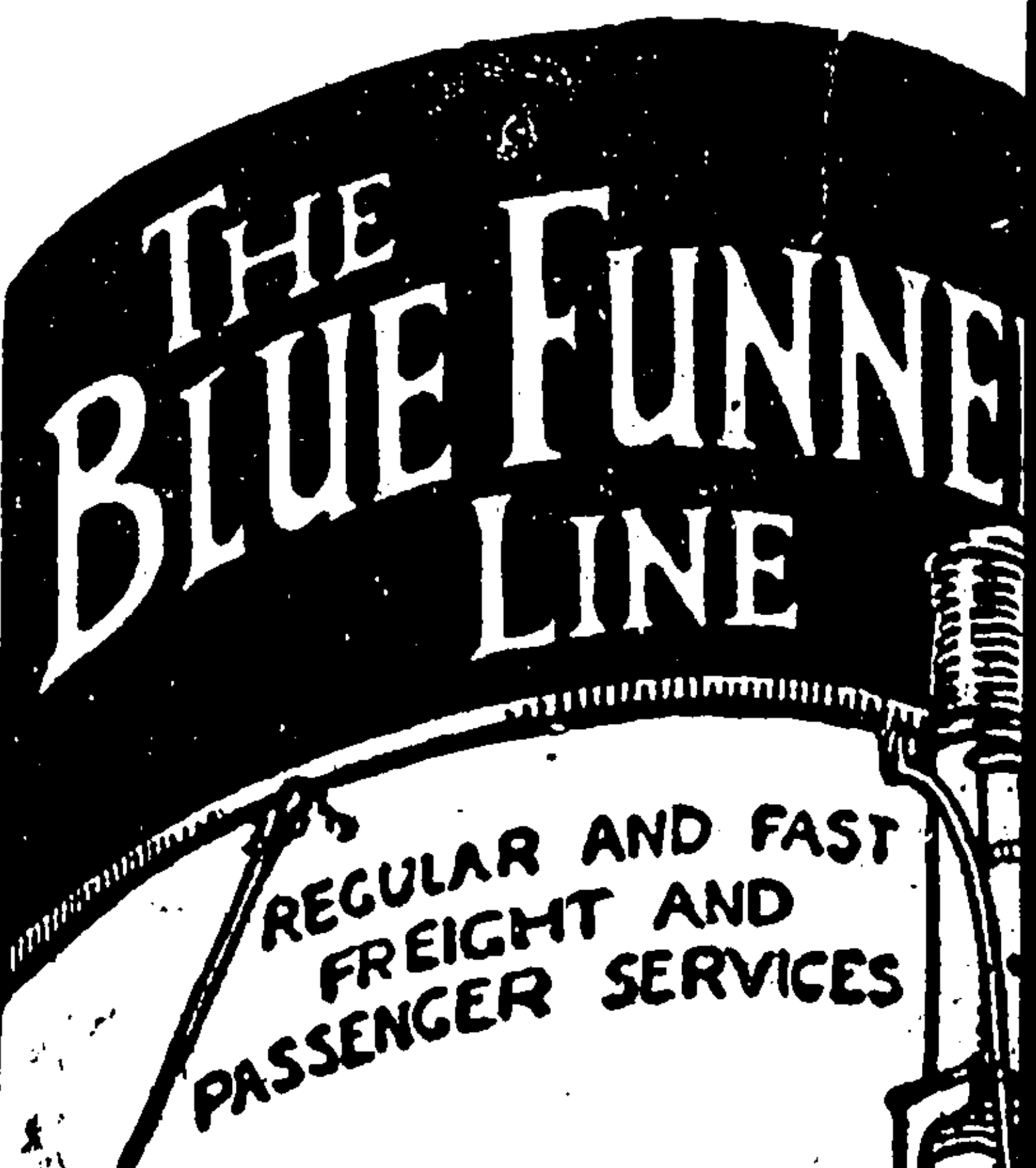
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COLONY URGED TO FINANCIAL CAUTION

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developments in West China; the agreements with foreign countries and the problems affecting the occupied areas. All of these matters are of great importance and in one way or another they must affect directly or indirectly the future of China and concern in that future.

Some of them are real danger spots—like time bombs which need the most careful handling by men of outstanding skill and bravery—but I am confident that, with the foreign assistance which is now being made available, these internal affairs will be tackled in a manner which will avoid any serious set-back to China's power of resistance.

On the other hand, China's external problems are, I believe, dependent on the outcome of the war in Europe.

Colony's Budget

Let us now pass to other matters. Last year your Chairman expressed uneasiness at certain aspects of the financial situation of the Colony and urged the employment of economy. I am satisfied that the new budget has been kept in to reasonable proportions considering the onerous but necessary expenditure on defence measures and the services undoubtedly incurred through the influx of Chinese. But we must usually remember that Hong Kong is very susceptible to outside influences such as the situation, viz-a-viz China, Japan, Indonesia, the shortage of tonnage, movements of population and so on.

It is therefore of importance that fresh commitments should be scrutinised with great care and that economy should be the watchword on all sides.

It is however only right that Hong Kong should remit to the Government whatever contribution to the war effort it can, and last year it played its part in remitting £200,000 of revenue and a further £100,000 from the profits of the change fund. In addition, there is of course the Bomber and now totalling about £100,000, which has been raised by voluntary subscription through the South China Morning Post and the Hong Kong Telegraph. This is apart from the considerable expenditure borne by the Colony for its defences. It amounts to a contribution we can be proud of, which should be continued on the same scale.

Japanese Policy

As regards Japan, recent regulations issued there seem to be designed to restrict or to drive foreign banks out of business altogether in the same way as banks in Manchuria have already been restricted and in some cases driven out.

The position awaits further clarification, but in the meantime we have notified our diplomatic authorities, as their intervention seems to be the only action now possible.

I will therefore say no more about this, nor will I deal with the very comprehensive governmental control.

As regards other countries, Malaya gives the brightest picture, and Rubber exporters have had a very good year and this of course brought prosperity to the many concerns (including banks) which are directly or indirectly concerned with these two important products. It must not be forgotten that the present prosperity of producers is largely to the purchases made by the United States Government of their War Reserve Stocks and these purchases will not go on for long. Exchange control in Singapore is working smoothly and rates provide a fair though excessive margin of profit on banking operations. The two 3% loans floated by the Straits Settlements and F.M.S. Governments, totalling \$45 millions, were subscribed and remitted to the Treasury as war contributions, while 3% War Savings Certificates are proving very popular.

Better Feeling

In India conditions have been subject to fluctuations, but recently there has been a better feeling and confidence exists that the situation will remain satisfactory, helped by war production developments which are now hastening forward.

The Philippine Islands are

realising how much their welfare is dependent on trade with the British Empire and Europe, but they are fortunate to be able to rely on the United States to breach the gap as and when it is necessary. The past year has been one of moderate prosperity and we are satisfied with the progress we are making in Manila.

Before concluding, ladies and gentlemen, I want to send a message of encouragement to the sixty odd members of the staff of the Bank who are serving in the armed forces and to those in our London office. Many of our employees out in the East wish that they, too, were able to get away to share the dangers and discomforts of their colleagues, but it is obvious that some must remain to keep the Bank going and most of those out East are trained or training for such local service as may be required. Anyhow, you will all join me in praying for a safe return for those who have temporarily left the Bank's service and for good fortune to those in London who have to submit to the terroristic methods of Hitler, though we hope it will not be for much longer.

Premier's Clarion Call

Finally may I remind you and ask you to take to heart in all your activities the words spoken by our fighting Prime Minister who, when things looked so black last July, called on all members of the British race and on their friends and well-wishers in every land "to play their part, night and day, giving all, doing all, enduring all to the utmost, to the end." He added these words:—"this is no war of chieftains, of princes, of dynasties or national ambitions, it is a war of people and of causes." "Let all strive," he concluded, "without failing in faith or in duty and the dark curse of Hitler will be lifted from our age."

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. D. J. Sloss, seconding said: The balance sheet now in our hands and the established opinion of all competent judges make it unnecessary to elaborate the view that the Bank is perhaps the chief agency fostering commerce and industry in this quarter of the globe. How wisely its policy has been administered, this balance sheet is witness. The phenomenal growth of the Bank in its two generations or so of existence is evidence of skilful control and sound management. Had the Bank failed to fulfil its function in the commercial organisation of this Colony and of the China ports it would long ago have been found out, and relegated to the limbo in which inefficient banks work out their own damnation. Its growth, the stable confidence with which it is accepted, the respect with which its policies are received, these are the clear indications of its fundamental soundness, and of the skill and integrity with which it has been administered.

Under Difficulties

We have heard a finely balanced, discriminating report on the conditions in which the Bank's work has been done during the past year. The Bank is accustomed to carry out its work under difficulties. I do not know what conditions were like in its early years, but since the Chinese Revolution conditions never have been normal. The Bank has had to carry on in unsettled political conditions, and amidst external economic policies in China, against appalling currency difficulties, some inherent in Chinese conditions; some, and these not the lightest, consequent in world economic and monetary conditions of which China was rather a victim than a responsible agent. In these war years there has been the derangement of all banking organisation at home, and to add to the tangle of impediments we have had, more recently and nearer home, the continued state of unsettlement in French Indo-China, readjustments in the Dutch Indies, in Thailand and in India. These, with a long war on our door-step, make an environment in which the coolest banker might fold his hands and resign himself to wait on some kind of Providence to solve his difficulties.

The policy of this Bank and of its management has been far different, and the success with which this accumulation of almost insolvable difficulties has been sur-

mounted is shown in the records of its work that are now in our hands.

Cheerful View

This is our warrant for taking a moderately cheerful view of the future. It would be a bold man who would venture dogmatically to lay down what kind of England and Europe will emerge from the present war.

We know it will be vastly different from the world we have known and some of us are going to have to make some vast readjustments in our attitude to life.

I am not sure that the future of the Pacific is not even more difficult to envisage. Most of us in the earlier days of the "incident" spent many hours reading estimates of self-styled experts on the economic factors that were going to induce this or that settlement. I, for one, have given up this type of reading. If one wants ingenious fiction there is at hand a vast mass of detective and crime literature much more entertaining and just as useful as an aid to a sound forecast of the future of these parts. The survey we have just heard from the Chairman is in a different category.

Admirable Warning

It is informed, temperate, judicial and at no point tendentious. As in all the years in which I have had an opportunity of hearing or reading it, the Chairman's speech has been an admirable warning against facile political speculation and has given us a basis for a sound agnosticism touching the present, and consequently the future, of the politics of the Far East. Better one annual review of this kind than countless periodical newsletters and bulletins.

We have confidence that Britain will emerge triumphant and that so also will China. The survey does not disturb our assurance; it is a wholesome caveat against facile optimism.

I have probably less right than any person in this room to discuss the service that the Bank has done to industry, commerce and civil government in the Far East. On another aspect of its work I can speak with less hesitation. It has realised its social obligation in this Colony and elsewhere where it operates in a manner that calls for respect. The Chief Manager's interest in the War Memorial Nursing Home, we all well know, is not limited to his personal acquisition of its chief treasure. In the efforts to raise funds for war purposes its example has been signal. I can refer with full knowledge to the support given by both the Chief Manager and the Manager to efforts that have been made and are still being made to organise Hong Kong industry for the maximum service of our war ends.

Bank And University

Nearer home, I have experienced the close discriminating interest that has been shown in the affairs of the University. Like every other institution of a like kind in the Empire we have fallen on evil days. The fact that we carry on at all is in large measure due to the skilful management of the University's finance, first by Dr. Arthur Morse and now by Mr. Edmondston. That even now the University can undertake new work in preventive and curative medicine is due to the discernment and aid generously given, if always critically, by the Chief Manager. In celebrating the services of the Bank to the industrial and economic welfare of the Colony, we should not overlook its contribution to the intangible, but not less essential, elements of a healthy community.

Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding your proposal that the Report and Accounts be adopted.

Other Business

Mr. L. Kadoorie proposed the re-election as Directors of the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, and Mr. K. S. Morrison, which was seconded by Mr. T. N. Chau.

The re-election of Mr. John Fleming and Mr. H. R. Forsyth as Auditors was proposed by Mr. H. Hancock, and seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

All resolutions were unanimously carried.

Those present included: The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), Mr.

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Mr. Gilbert Sidney Hole, a farmer, of Albourne, Hants, Sussex, was granted a decree nisi because of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Mary C. I. Hole, with the co-respondent, Mr. Frederick H. M. Kaye. The suit was not defended, and costs were awarded against Mr. Kaye.

Mr. Hole's case was that his wife was a keen horsewoman, and she and Mr. Kaye had common interests in hunting and show riding. They eventually confessed that they were in love, and Mr. Hole learned that they had lived together.

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Brilliant Pitching Display By Denham Crary

By "Grandstand"

SPARKED BY DE CRARY'S SUPERB MOUND PERFORMANCE, THE CHINESE BASEBALLERS ALMOST REPEATED THEIR FORMER SUCCESS AGAINST THE HONG KONG BASEBALLERS IN THE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE ON SUNDAY, WHEN THEY HAD THE GAME IN THE BAG IN THE SEVENTH WITH A TWO-RUN LEAD, BUT HANDED IT BACK TO THE MOHAWKS ON A GOLDEN PLATTER, WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS, ON A PRIZE BOOT TO LET THE TIEING RUN CROSS THE PLATE.

The Waggonermen pulled the game out of the fire in the first overtime stanza when Pete Fitch romped home with the tie-breaker on Ernie Hearther's single.

Chinese hurler Den Crary had the Mohawks eating out of his hand, and would have been credited with a victory had sufficient support been given him, as it was, the game was just booting away.

Crary fanned eight surprised Waggonermen, and held power-hitter Pete Fitch hitless in four bunting chances.

Cy "Screwball" Jones, toting the rubber for the Mohawks, yielded only three scattered hits, passed one and fanned one.

Mohawks Tally

The Mohawks went to bat first, Joe Morris leading off with a ringing double, and scored on a wild heave, for the first Waggoner tally. With Chuck Waggoner dancing on the mid-way station, Johnnie Schallberg, the pride of the Texaco Oilers, swung at three fading ones for the first strike-out. Lou Leight was next erased on a feeble pounce to first and Pete Fitch, the next bewildered victim, didn't even touch the ball as he went down swinging.

In the Chinese turn with the hickory, Nip Lum drew a pass and pilfered second to score when Ernie Hearther fumbled third-sacker Lou Leight's toss to first. Two more markers on two more misuses piled up a Chinese three-run start. In the second frame, the Mohawks evened the count when Ernie Hearther slashed one to the right, which first-sacker Abe Liu couldn't handle, and proceeded to burgle second, third and home, whilst Cy Jones scored on a perfect double steal.

Three Mohawk errors in the third, gave the Chinese a short-lived lead of two runs, which the Waggonermen soon regained in the fourth. George White's double gave the Lumber one more, whilst Willie Wilson's homer increased the lead to two.

The Mohawks were blanked in the fifth and sixth.

Leight Given Life

Opening the last semester Lou Leight was given a life on Crary's fumble, and slid safely into third on a wild toss. Fitch walked and stole second.

With ducks in the pond, first sacker Abe Liu deliberately booted Ernie Hearther's dump to first, in an attempt to bamboozle the umpire, but hawk-eyed arbitrator Huckjai Kitchell was right on the



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	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indians	10	1	.769
Hong Kong Baseballers	9	3	.750
Cyclones	7	5	.583
Recreio Aces	6	5	.536
Chinese Baseballers	1	7	.100
Falcons	2	9	.182
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	1	6	.133
R.B.A.	1	7	.100
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Canadian Chinese	11	1	.917
Wahoos	9	4	.692
Cardinals	2	6	.250
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblers	3	10	.231
Chung Hwa	1	12	.077
Little Flowers	1	12	.077

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lucas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

spot and pronounced it a fair ball. When the dust had settled Fitch had ambled across the pan with the tying run.

A neat double-killing with the bases loaded prevented further damage, as pinch-hitter Davis fled out to end the inning.

In the eighth, Fitch hoisted one in the centre, which Wilson muffed

ed, and scored on a single for the lead to change hands once more.

This turned out to be the winning run, as Abe Liu, John Fisher and Victor Lim were retired in succession in their turn with the bat.

Willie Wilson, connected for the only four-master of the fray, whilst Joe Morris, Johnnie Schallberg, Lou Leight, and George White were good for doubles. Chinese right-gardener Johnnie Fisher, was a one-man fielder as he hauled down everything that came out to the centre and right gardens.

The only twin-killing was made when hurler Den Crary clamped his hands on Cy Jones pop bunt and forced Ernie Hearther out at third.

Hassan's Catches

The Indians subdued the Canadian Chinese 8-1 in an almost errorless fielding display, featured by A. B. Hassan's five circus catches in the centre patch. Hassan also banged in the only four-bagger of the game with none aboard, whilst Baby Abbas tripled for the next longest clout, Nazam, chucked for the Indians, walked none and passed none, whilst George Lee, who went the route for the Canucks, issued three free tickets to first.

Fielding a scratch team, the Recreio Aces held the Cyclones to a 4-4 tie after two innings, but forfeited the points after Eddie "Doctor" Gosano sustained an injury which necessitated his removal from the game, leaving the Aces short-handed.

The unfortunate incident occurred when Cyclone short-stop Ahdor Rumjahn held on the Roberto Marques' line-drive, catching Gosano off second. Both Gosano and key-stoner Barney Abbey attempted to beat each other to the sack. After the players had sorted themselves out from the clash, Gosano was found to have dislocated his right shoulder.

HOCKEY

Interport Probables' Disappointing Display Outplayed By British Army Weakness In The Attack Apparent

By "Sportshawk"

IN A PRACTICE GAME at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Colony Interport Hockey Probables gave a disappointing display in being beaten by a Combined British Army team by 3 goals to 1, after being led at the interval by 0-1.

The Probables showed skill neither as a combination nor individually and obviously the team is in need of a great deal of further practice.

T. Whitley failed to turn up and the right-wing berth was taken over by Smith in the first half and E. Fowler on the resumption.

Play was mostly in favour of the soldiers, who were at full

strength with the exception of Sheehan, who was engaged in a Rugby game. His place at right-back was filled by Leslie, a Police player.

Forward-Line Weak

The weakest department in the Probables team was their forward-line, in which only B. Gosano and G. Singh struck form,

while the half-back line was best served by the pivot, W. A. Reed, and the right-half, R. Marques. J. Gonsalves played a good game in defence, being steady and clearing well.

For the soldiers, Dove was safe between the sticks and Anderson distinguished himself in front of Dove. Hook was the mainstay of the intermediate-line.

The forwards were generally much better than the Probables', among them Hitchcock, Shaw and Homberg being prominent. These three players formed a formidable attacking unit on the left flank.

Army Score First

Army drew first blood through Hitchcock about five minutes towards the end of the opening period from a scrimmage. The same player added a further goal only a few minutes after the resumption from a pass from Homberg, while two minutes later, Shaw netted the Army's final goal from a centre from Single-

WILDCATS BEAT THE WAHOOS: HEAD LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

IN THE LADIES' Softball head-liner, the Wildcats nosed out the Wahoos in a 4-3 thriller, to head the League, with the Canadian Chinese right behind them.

Thelma Collaco, toed the rubber for the victors, held the Owls to six safeties, and fanned two. Therese "Big Chief" Noronha for the losers, also chucked a six-act, but walked two besides whiffing two.

Wahoo lead-off hitter, Yvonne "Hit-and-run" Yelle takes the bow for the best stick work performance with a three-in-four performance, while Irene "Sluggo" Pereira connected for the only extra-base clout with a ringing double.

The Wahoos went to bat first, and chalked up a marker on a single and two passed balls, whilst the Untamed Felines replied with one on a walk and two bobbles. In the third, the Owls garnered another tally on two safeties assisted by an expensive Wildcat fumble. The leadership changed hands again in the fourth when two Wildcats, rung counted on three successive Wahoo misuses. In the fifth, the Owls knotted the count once more, when hurler Thelma Collaco, lunged Jackie Anderson's roller, whilst Yvonne Yelle romped home with the tying run. In the sixth and seventh, the Green-shirted clan was set down in one two three order, but Wildcat Virginia Chu, pinch-hitting for Margaret Young, drew a pass and was advanced to third on Irene Pereira's two-bagger. Virginia Chu stole home to tuck the game way.

Wahoo left-fielder Jeannette "Blondie" Yelle provided the fielding gem of the day, when she froze on to Irene Pereira's long fly between centre and left, which had homer written all over it, to snuff a Wildcat uprising.

Cardinals Finish Well

The Cardinals wound up their League schedule by humiliating the Recreio Ramblers 19-5, in a fifteen-hit slugging spree, headed by Egeena Babida's three-in-four, which included a round tripper and a two-bagger. Hind-satcher Rosita Bagalawis was right behind her with a three-in-five performance.

Best fielding performance goes to Redbird key-stoner "Gilly" da Motta, who handled 10 fielding chances perfectly.

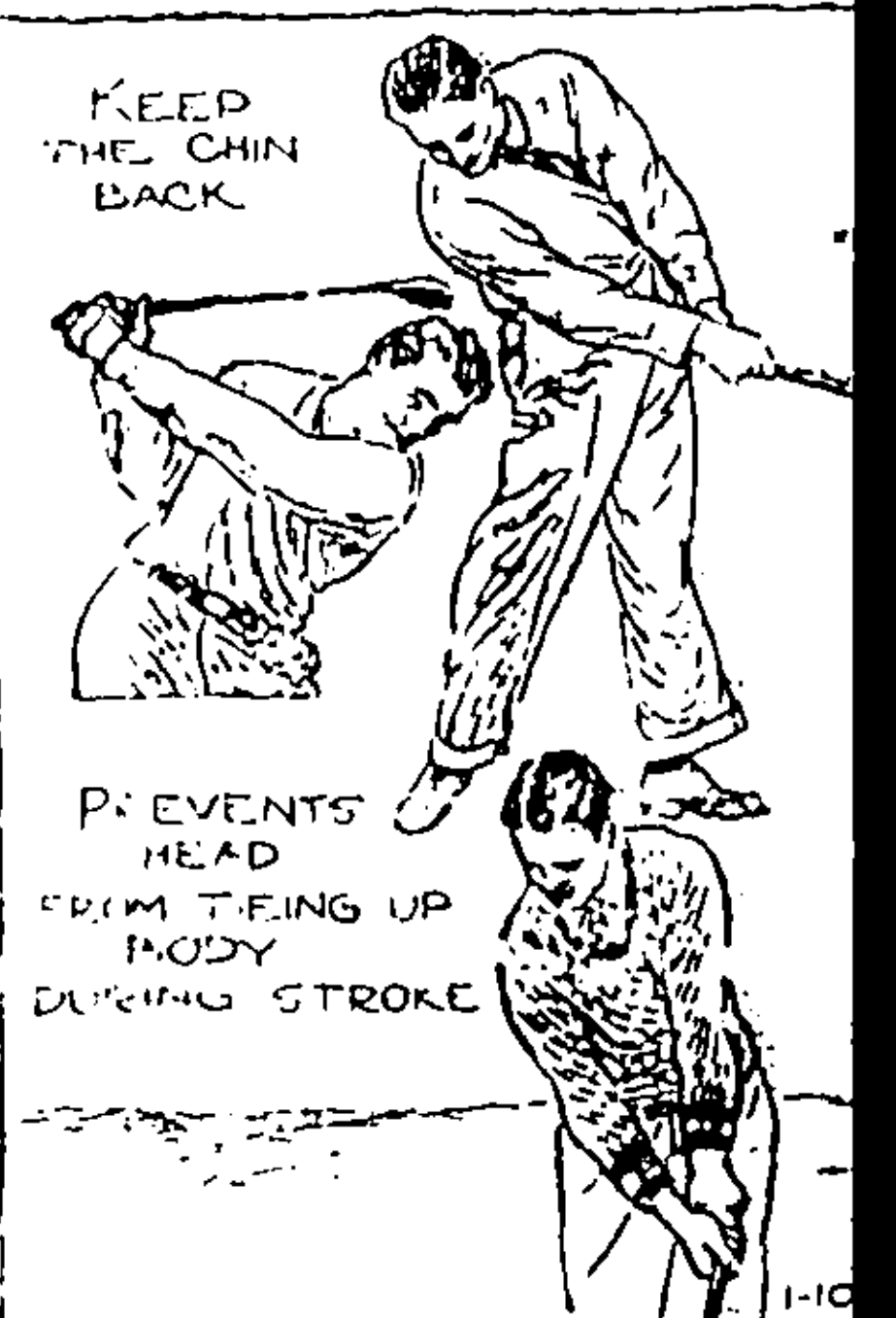
Cellar Champs!

In the ladies "cellar classic," the Chung Hwa lasses had sweet revenge, who they handed out 24-13 trouncing to the Little Flowers. The two teams are now tied for the wooden spoon.

Florinha slabstress Lily Rozari fanned two and walked two, whilst Chung Hwa twirler Funghee Lay whiffed three and passed three.

Triples were clouted in 5. Francis "Zaza" Lee and Irene Lee Errors came galore in this fracas. Chung Hwa booting 15 times whilst the Florinhas were guilty of no less than 17 miscues.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Chin Back BY BEST BALL

There is more to keeping the chin pointed back of the ball, than merely fixing its anchor-age so that the head will not sway forward or be lifted up. It also keeps the head in the ideal position to combat tension, which seems all too anxious to creep into a stroke. The chin pointed well in front of the ball makes it impossible to turn the hips or even to swing back at all with any semblance of body and arm co-ordination. If any proof of this factor is needed, try facing the hole sometime, while attempting to swing the club back. The attempt will prove a revelation in showing how simply the hips and body muscles can be tied up.

With the chin pointed back of the ball there is no tie up of this sort. The hips turn freely, the back and arms move smoothly in upswing and downstroke. Either pointing the chin back at address or moving it slowly back for a few inches with the stroke will suffice.

Next Article:—Sway.

ton. The Probables, however, reduced the lead, through G. Singh about 10 minutes from the end. At this stage H. L. Ozorio was injured in the leg and had to be carried off the field, and Stait went in again to take over Fowler's position. The Probables attempted several times to break through the Army defence but met with no success. PROBABLES—Benwell, Bond and Gonsalves; N. Whitley, W. A. Reed and R. Marques; Smith (Fowler), G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and Brown. BRITISH ARMY—Dove; Leal (Police) and Anderson; Crowley, Hook and Waldron; Singleton, Hyman, Hitchcock, Shaw and Homberg.

DISTANT VIEW WELL IN LEAD

Following shows how much the respective winners secured for their stables (names in brackets) during the first four days of the Annual Meeting:

	\$
Distant View (Lan)	8,000
United Express (Necan)	6,409
Oolong (T.K.L.)	6,181
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett)	4,500
Velvetlight (Cire)	3,266
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	2,774
Starlight (Cire)	2,750
Santa Anita (C.C.F.)	2,500
Palber (Marber)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,150
Marsh Warbler (Pearstur)	2,150
Happy Returns (Lee Chi-choh)	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Forl (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun)	1,750
Viceroy (Vilaja)	1,750
Oracle (T.K.L.)	1,600
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.)	1,500
National Welfare (Yeung Bros.)	1,500
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	1,500
Bendemeer (P. M. Hoo)	1,500
Eve of Peace (Eve)	1,500
World Fair View (Lan)	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chun)	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton)	1,500
Moonlight (Cire)	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall)	1,500
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Black Seal (C.H.)	1,000
Prairie View (Lan)	1,000
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,000
Mountain View (Lan)	1,000
Many Thanks (Kia Ora)	1,000
Racylight (Cire)	1,000
Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory)	1,000
Brutus (G. Treverton)	1,000
Longdon (G. Tinson)	1,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	987
Bugle (C. H. Chan)	900
Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Sam's Choice (Collene)	800
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	800
Gladiator (Eve)	750
Far View (Lan)	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
A Surprising Time (Toots)	600
Via Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Corsair (L.W.S.)	600
Nomine Poenac (Lee Bros.)	600
Charlesber (Marber I)	600
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun)	525
Eve of Reason (Eve)	525
Eve of Deception (Eve)	500
Bona Vacantia (Culture)	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shlu-pak)	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman)	500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	500
Mainsail (Sailbad the Sinner)	500
National Courage (Why)	400
Hascossay (T. & E.)	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	350
Roofly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Raconteur (Manetta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.)	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	261
Pumpnickel (T.L.)	250
Spicylight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Cocoa)	250
Conniebar (Marber I)	250
A Good Time (I.M.M.F.)	250
Hughber (Marber I)	200
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.)	200

TO-DAY'S SEVENS MATCHES

Four Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches will be played to-day on the Club ground. Happy Valley, as follows:
 8th Heavy "A" v Combined Small Units "A", 4.50 p.m.
 Police "A" v B. & S., 5.10 p.m.
 Middlesex "B" v Club "B", 5.30 p.m.
 H.K. Bank v Tamar "A", 5.50 p.m.
 On Saturday, before the two ordinary matches starting at 2.30 p.m., the Royal Scots "A" seven will meet one of the earlier winners to be drawn for, for right of entry into the last batch of matches to be played on Saturday.

JOE LOUIS RETAINS TITLE; THIRD FIGHT IN 3 MONTHS

MOLLER & CIRE TOP LIST

Following is how the jockeys and owners fared in the first four days of the Annual Race Meeting:

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Un
C. B. Moller	6	5	4	9
V. V. Necda	5	5	3	20
D. Black	5	1	7	20
H. C. Pih	4	5	2	14
F. Neodt	4	3	2	18
L. B. Chao	3	4	3	13
W. H. S. Davis	3	4	1	18
Ip Kui-ying	3	0	1	3
M. M. Sokoloff	2	5	3	12
S. C. Liang	2	2	1	16
H. J. A. Hearne	2	1	1	9
W. G. Poy	1	4	0	13
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	8
A. D. Coppin	1	1	0	4
P. P. Botelho	1	0	3	18
B. L. Tao	1	0	3	28
D. H. S. Craven	1	0	2	6
H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
G. Treverton	1	0	1	12
T. W. Chattey	1	0	0	3
R. M. Wood	1	0	0	12
K. W. Fung	0	1	0	0
G. Pollock	0	1	0	0
D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
Chiu Ki-fan	0	1	0	7
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	8
S. L. Yuen	0	1	0	20
W. Yui	0	0	1	1
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	1
S. W. Tang	0	0	1	4
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	6
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
Li Shiu-tai	0	0	0	1
Lo Kwong-to	0	0	0	1
J. N. da Silva	0	0	0	2
S. W. Pan	0	0	0	2
B. A. Proulx	0	0	0	3
K. I. Ip	0	0	0	3
Chanson Feng	0	0	0	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	4
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	6
F. A. Sequeira	0	0	0	6
S. W. Lee	0	0	0	7
R. K. C. Chiu	0	0	0	11
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	13
Hoo Pak-ming	0	0	0	14
H. S. Chang	0	0	3	20

OWNERS	49	47	48	402
Cire	6	5	3	3
T. K. L.	5	4	3	0
Eve	4	6	0	0
Lan	4	5	3	0
Necan	3	0	0	0
Li Po-chun	2	0	0	0
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	2	0	0	0
Eu Tong-sen	1	3	0	0
Lee Bros.	1	3	0	0
C. C. F.	1	2	0	0
Marber	1	1	5	0
G. Tinson	1	1	1	1
Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen	1	1	0	0
Dynasty	1	0	2	0
Vilaja	1	0	1	0
P. & L.	1	0	1	0
Gredmaka	1	0	1	0
Pearstur	1	0	0	0
C. W. K.	1	0	0	0
Yeung Bros.	1	0	0	0
Weetoo	1	0	0	0
Shields & Stanton	1	0	0	0
Kia Ora	1	0	0	0
Hollandia	1	0	0	0
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0	0
C. L. Gregory	1	0	0	0
Lee Chi-choh	1	0	0	0
Kwok Yee-chun	1	0	0	0
Treverton	1	0	0	0
Mrs. B. Hall	1	0	0	0
C. H.	0	2	0	0
Billy	0	2	0	0
S. W. Lee	0	1	1	1
S. K.	0	1	1	1
Kong Bros.	0	1	1	1
Collene	0	1	1	1
Lucky	0	1	1	1
Lee Chi-choh	0	1	0	0
Culture	0	1	0	0
Wai Shlu-pak	0	1	0	0
G. A. Harriman	0	1	0	0
Sailbad the Sinner	0	1	0	0
Ellandee	0	1	0	0
O. H. Chan	0	0	3	2
C. N. K.	0	0	2	0
W. T. Stanton	0	0	2	0
L. W. S.	0	0	2	0
Toots	0	0	2	0
T. & E.	0	0	1	1
I. L.	0	0	1	1
T. L.	0	0	1	1
Quartermaster	0	0	1	1
S. S.	0	0	1	1
Manetta	0	0	1	1
E. S. K.	0	0	1	1
Cocoa	0	0	1	1
Solemnly	0	0	1	1
Why	0	0	1	1
I. M. M. F.	0	0	1	1

March 8. Royal Scots "B" have with-

Full Details Of Bout With Dorazio

FOR THE THIRD time in as many months, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, on Feb. 17, retained his title, taking only two rounds to knock Gus Dorazio out, writes Jack Cuddy from Philadelphia.

It took the Brown Bomber only four and one-half minutes of actual fighting time to crush his foe and walk out of the ring U.S. \$20,000 richer.

A terrific right to the chin knocked out Dorazio so badly that the challenger didn't know what happened when he came to.

Fiercest Blow

The blow was probably the most vicious ever landed by Louis. It was so deadly and stunned Dorazio so quickly that the challenger said he actually didn't know that he had been hit.

The Brown Bomber walked out of the ring without a drop of perspiration on him. It was the fourteenth time that he had successfully defended his title.

Despite the murderous attack of Louis and the quick finish of the bout, the crowd of slightly more than 16,000 gave Dorazio a grand ovation.

Dorazio showed the greatest courage while he lasted, tearing into the champion in such rip-roaring fashion that he fought Louis to even terms in the opening round.

Stopped Cold

He was still bobbing and weaving and tearing in when he was stopped cold by the deadly right in the second round.

The spectators came to see a longer fight since reports had it that Louis was weakening, but the terrific force behind his blows proved the reports erroneous.

Louis, weighing 203½ pounds, was in perfect form and displayed great confidence. When he opened up in the second round there was no doubt that the bout would never last fifteen rounds.

Dorazio, ninth ranking heavyweight, tipped the scales at 193½ pounds, and attempted to set the pace. But his courage proved his undoing. He left himself too open and Louis, with his perfectly timed blows, did not allow the opportunity to slip through his fingers.

Louis Unhurt

As the challenger threw lightning punches at Louis, the Brown Bomber revealed remarkably quick slipping. Dorazio followed up in the second round, throwing a stream of blows at Louis, but without hurting Louis.

The challenger visibly felt the force of the short, hard lefts, for he slowed up for a second. And before he could recover, Louis uncorked his explosive right to the chin and Dorazio went down and was counted out.

Dorazio lashed out with a terrific left, which Louis slipped and retaliated with several lefts to the forehead.

"What Happened?"

When he was revived, Dorazio was still dizzy. His first question was "What happened? I did not know that I was hit."

Louis, in his dressing room, told sport writers that "Dorazio was a darned good fighter. He just happened to get caught quicker than most others."

"Burman gave me a tougher fight, but I never hit him a smack like I did Dorazio. I guess tonight's punch was about as hard as I hit Paulino that time."

Louis referred to his bout with Paulino Uzcudun in New York on December 13, 1935, when he flattened the big Spaniard with what many sports scribes described as the hardest blow delivered in ring history.

The attendance broke the Philadelphia indoor record, for more than 16,000 jammed the Convention Hall. The gross gate was US\$157,552, with 15,002 persons paying admission.

Louis in December stopped Al McCoy in six rounds, and knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman last month in the fifth round.

COLONY BADMINTON

Following is the draw for the Colony Badminton Championships which will start shortly:—

MEN'S SINGLES—SENIOR
 Second Round—P. Wong v D. Kwok; M. P. Young v S. Ampla-vanar or P. K. Hooi; C. Au or H. C. Eardley v F. Koh; W. Gillies v K. W. Choy.

MEN'S SINGLES—JUNIOR
 Second Round—H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung; J. Odell v M. Talan; A. L. Fisher v R. M. Lavalle or Peter Lo; First Round—J. L. Anderson v Ho Weng Toh; Jack Hooi v E. Zimmern; P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale; T. S. Young v J. Tsang; Second Round—N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth; E. Gillespie v A. L. Gordon; D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung.

MEN'S DOUBLES—SENIOR
 Second Round—P. Wong and C. Au v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith; M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low or J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves; S. Ampla-vanar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. Young and Y. P. Young; C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew.

MEN'S DOUBLES—JUNIOR
 First Round—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang; J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung; R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v M. Talan and J. Odell; P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho; T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo; Bye—Peter Lo and J. Tsang.

MIXED DOUBLES
 Byes—P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva; First Round—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v H. C. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley; E. Zimmern and Mrs. Zimmern v P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro; Byes—J. Odell and Miss J. Choa; S. Ampla-vanar and Miss T. Gonsalves v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

It will be noticed that no draw for ladies' doubles is included above. The "China Mail" was informed this morning that this event will be left open for a few days on the possibility of further entries being received. It is again emphasised that ladies wishing to enter, but having no partners, may send in their names and the Tournament committee will endeavour to fix them up.

Probable Postponements

Owing to the black-out this evening it is probable that all the above matches will be postponed, although nothing official has been decided upon.

AL HOSTAK IMPOVERISHED

Al Hostak, former NBA middleweight champion, is broke. Never a major money earner, the kid nevertheless collected \$32,000 when he began to sizzle and finally reached the top.

Al was always a youngster who watched his dimes, it appeared. He set no record as a spender. He bought a small home for his parents and a small ranch.

And he lived in a most commonplace manner. He never was a type to go in for flashy dress. The outdoors was his playground.

But the \$32,000 has gone from the Hostak cash register, I am reliably informed.

And that is the chief reason the youngster, who lost his title to Tony Zale, is headed for a comeback.

Al has bad hands. They don't stand up under his power of blow, or he has never learned to hit properly.

The Hostak who lost to Zale was just another fighter. He took a terrible body battering, appeared to have lost his heart after the fifth round.

Hostak came and went fast like his money.

LEAGUE BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme:—
 Chung Wah v. J. R. C.
 V. R. C. v. Recreio
 St. John's v. Kowloon Tong
 K. C. C. v. St. Andrew's

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160 MILES IN A FEW DAYS

West African Troops Enter Somaliland Port

All Italians Evicted From Kenya Territory

"WEST AFRICAN TROOPS on Monday captured Biava, which is a port 160 miles north of Kismayu (Italian Somaliland)," says an official communique received in London yesterday from Nairobi.

The communique continues: "Cleaning up operations are continuing in the Gelib area (on the Juba River) where, on Monday, our South African troops rounded up part of the enemy who had been stranded in the bush.

"On the northern sector a company of Abyssinian irregulars have captured Moyale and South African troops have now taken over this area.

"By the capture of Moyale, which was lost by us in July last, Italian troops have also been evicted from British territory."

Meanwhile, British and Imperial troops are continuing their advance south of Cubeb, where, in an action on Sunday, 400 prisoners and three guns were captured. A British G.H.Q. communique in Cairo also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland forward of the Juba River.

On other fronts no change is reported. — Reuter.

REINFORCEMENT FOR INDO-CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Hundreds of reinforcements have arrived in Indo-China from Madagascar and have taken the positions allotted to them according to a report from Saigon. International News Service.

U.S. EXPORT LICENCE SYSTEM EXTENDED

The export licensing system has been extended under a proclamation issued yesterday by President Roosevelt to beryllium and graphite electrodes. The order becomes effective immediately.

A similar proclamation, to take effect on March 10, will apply to belladonna, atropine, sole leather and belting. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Administration Leaders, fearing the effects of a filibuster by opponents of the Lease and Lend Bill, spoke uncertainly regarding the possibility of a vote being taken on the Bill in the Senate this week.

Attendance when the debate continued was very poor, yet senators obviously are wearying of the prolonged discussion. — Reuter.

APPRENTICE'S HIGH COURAGE ON BLAZING TANKER

A YOUNG SHIP'S apprentice who suddenly found himself second in command on board an oil tanker left blazing by a German raider and played a prominent part in navigating the ship safely to port without books, instruments, charts or compasses, has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The apprentice, John Lewis Jones, was on board the tanker "San Demetrio" which formed part of the convoy for which the auxiliary cruiser Jervis Bay sacrificed herself last November.

The tanker was hit and abandoned but after a night of heavy gale 16 members of the crew, including Jones, re-boarded their ship although she was still burning furiously.

Jones took part in the hard fight that ensued to subdue the flames and then volunteered to enter the gas-filled pump room in order to re-start the machinery.

The official account, issued in London yesterday, declares this young apprentice showed spirit, courage and resourcefulness throughout and proved an admirable second in command.

A number of the other members of the boarding party have also received awards. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT INSISTS ON ALL AID

President Roosevelt yesterday declined to discuss in detail the proposed amendments to the Lease and Lend Bill and only stated that he discussed the main proposed amendments with Congress leaders in the morning.

The President added, however, that it was obvious that any amendment designed to change the policy of the Government or the request of the Government to give Britain all aid short of war, was undesirable. — Reuter.

SOFIA EXPECTS NAZIS TO MARCH

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Plebiscite Of Confidence

Third, General Antonescu has ordered a "plebiscite of confidence" in Rumania on March 2. All Rumanians over 21 will be allowed to vote but Jews are excluded.

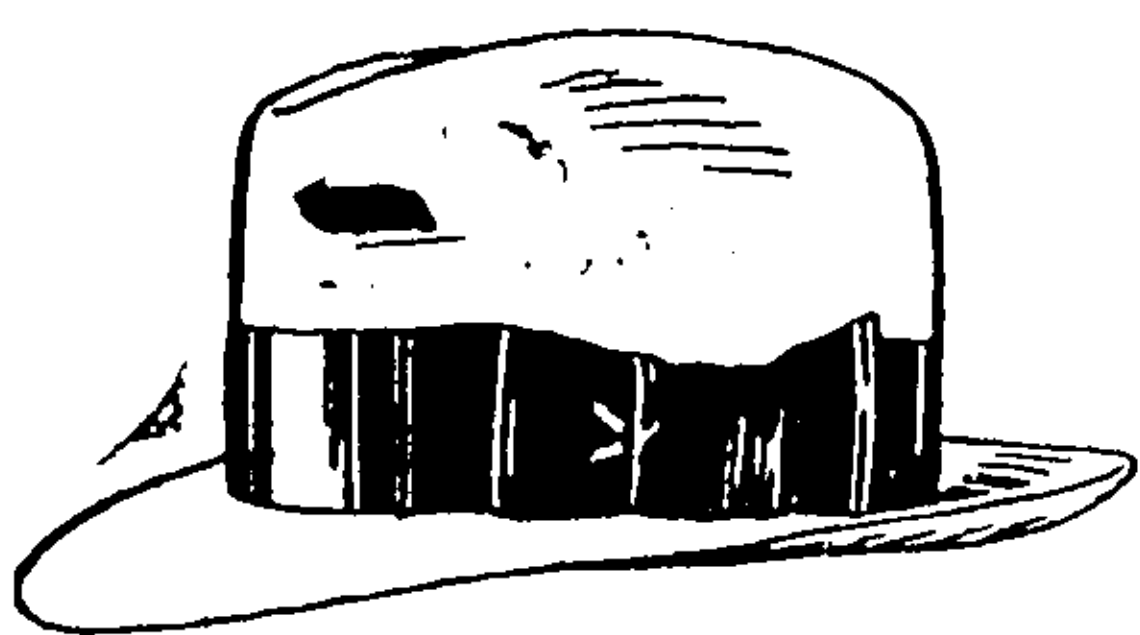
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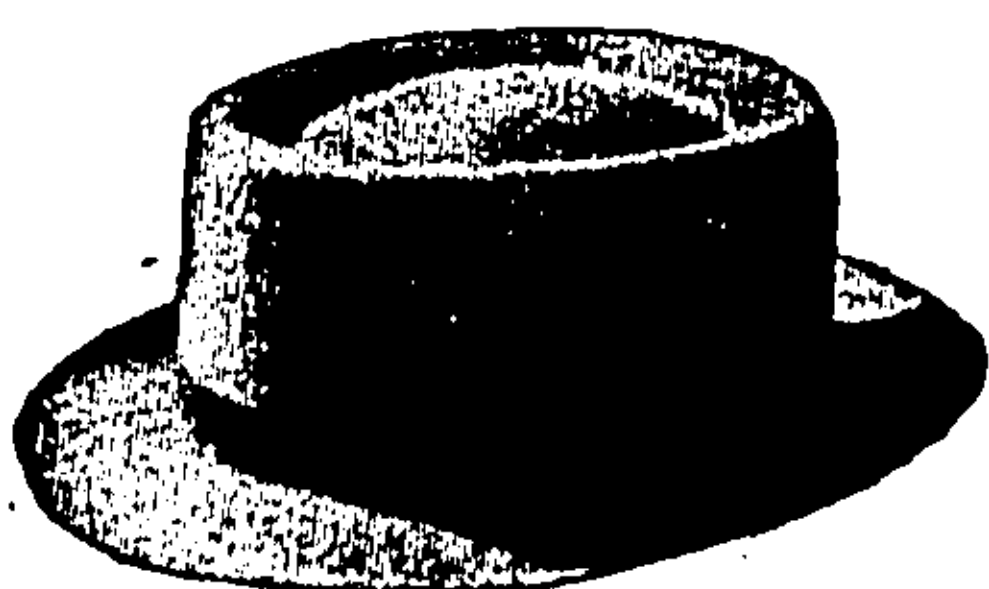
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